1. TSE Road map 2 State of play of the report on the monitoring of TSEs in the European Union in 2009

Annual Report on the monitoring and testing of ruminants for the presence of TSE in the EU in 2009 was presented. Member States which have not sent their data yet were requested to do so before the summer break at the latest in order to publish the final report the end of the year.

2. Discussion and possible endorsement on a European Good Hygiene Practices Guide for the collection, storage, trading and transport of cereals, oilseeds and protein crops developed by COGEC and COCERAL

A new version of a draft "European Good Hygiene Practices Guide for the Collection, storage, trading and transport of cereals, oilseeds and protein crops" developed by Coceral and Cogeca and all amendments made by the stakeholders were presented. No comments were made on the draft at the meeting but 4 Member States requested more time to make comments. They should be forwarded by the end of June.

3. Discussion paper on flexibility of the Hygiene regulations - notions "small quantity" and "localised, marginal and restricted activity"

A discussion paper on the notions of "small quantities", "local retail establishment" and "marginal, restricted and localised activity" was presented to Member States. Member States were invited to express their views on the possible harmonisation. A majority of Member States is of the opinion that guidelines on implementation of these notions should be developed however, there are concerns as regards limits of quantities proposed in the document.

4. Discussion and possible endorsement of the scope of a European Guide of Good Practices for the storage of agribulk developed by Unistock

The scope of a possible new "European Guide for good practices for the storage of agribulk commodities" was presented. Several Member States and the Commission considered that this guide would overlap with the guide presented under point 2. The
stakeholders will be requested to integrate this guide in a future review of the guide under point 2.

5. **Exchange of views and possible opinion of the committee on a draft Commission Decision concerning a financial contribution from the Union towards a survey on the prevalence of Listeria monocytogenes in certain ready-to-eat foods to be carried out in the Member States (SANCO/5100/2009) (subject to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, legal basis: Directive 2003/99/EC Art. 5 and Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 Art. 66)**

The draft decision establishes a coordinated monitoring programme on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain ready-to-eat food categories. The draft decision is presented for re-voting due to some amendments to the previously voted version. These amendments cover some clarifications on the co-financing in order to ensure that analyses carried out in the beginning of 2010 are eligible for co-financing and the scope of sampling. Amendments were presented to the Standing Committee which expressed on this draft a favourable opinion by qualified majority.


The revision of the Draft regulation on composite products containing more than 50% of products of animal origin was presented. Some Member States made editorial suggestions and explanation on the draft were required. The Commission explained that the scope of the draft is to cover also public health with the current import rules foreseen for animal health.


The Commission informed the Member States on the evolution of the draft regarding testing methods for marine biotoxins. The CRL is validating the new proposed method and the final results will be available by the end of summer break. It is intended to present the draft for a vote at the SCFCAH meeting in October.


The members of the SCFCAH were provided with a new revision of the draft Regulation. The Commission explained the amendments introduced to the text.

The first part of the document is to add certain flexibility to requirements on slaughter of farmed game at the farm while keeping current conditions for slaughter at the farm. The aim of the draft is to provide the competent authority with the possibility to authorise that correct slaughter and bleeding may be attested by the food business operator and thus information relevant to this situation will become a part of the declaration accompanying slaughtered animals to the approved slaughterhouse.
Specific conditions are laid down for this possibility, including the appropriate training of the food business operator as regards animal welfare.

The second part of the document is the amendment of requirements on wild game concerning head of animals susceptible to Trichinella for the production of game trophies and the declaration of trained person for the delivery of several slaughtered carcasses of wild game to the same game-handling establishment.

Member States expressed their support to this version of the document.


The draft is linked to the draft Regulation discussed under point 8 and amendment of provisions for farmed game. The draft aims to provide a new model of health certificate for animals slaughtered at the farm. Regular checks of slaughter activities of the food business operator are required. Member States expressed their agreement with the draft.

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