EXPERT GROUP MEETING FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS

WORKSHOP ON MEMBER STATES' EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES ON IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTROL ASPECTS:

Voluntary Coupled Support for animals

Location: Plenary session: Rue de la Loi 130 - 11/A
Working groups: Rue de la Loi 130 - 11/A and 11/S1, Rue de la Loi 86 - 4/A056
Date: Wednesday 14 October 2015
Hour: from 09:30 to 18:00

Thematic

General: The discussion shall be focused on implementation and controllability issues, mainly on how you administer the animal aid schemes, how you assess and verify that the eligibility conditions are met (Administrative and OTSC foreseen), and on any practical experiences in implementation and control procedures gained. Policy intentions and interpretative aspects of the scheme are not considered part of the scope.

Specific issues: This is a non-exhaustive list of issues that could be covered in a presentation and/or will be discussed during the working groups:

➢ Any particularities you have faced on the implementation of the eligibility criteria for the VCS animal schemes:
  • Which eligibility criteria have proved more challenging to verify and administer? (e.g. difficulties for the MS that have chosen retention period)
  • What solutions have you found?

➢ 'Claimed' or 'claimless' system for animals: the different steps from the launching of the aid application until eligibility of animals has been established and the aid can be paid.

➢ Procedures you follow to carry out:
  • The administrative and the on-the-spot controls.
  • Sampling of beneficiaries (controls combined with area related measures?)
  • Timing of on-the-spot controls

You are welcome to present other topics/ideas you consider relevant.
What is asked from the MS volunteering to present: To present the established system, highlighting the implementation of the scheme and the controls foreseen, and to reply to questions from the audience. (Proposed duration of the presentation: up to 20 minutes)

What is required from all other MS participating in the workshop: In order to facilitate the discussion and to encourage an active participation, working groups will be established to address the issues identified above. All participants are invited to openly discuss the issues raised in the presentations and to contribute with their own experiences and solutions.

The outcome of the workshop very much depends on the willingness among MS to exchange views and experiences.