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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)

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Date: 31 January 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 BRUSSELS

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**Format 2+2**

**1. Work program of the Polish Presidency**

*– Information from the Presidency*

**2. UK: Update on current EU-UK issues in the area of requirements for live animals and animal products**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

3. **USA**
  - a) **Current situation in the recognition of veterinary health certificates for live animal and animal products and by-products for consignments exported to the United States**
    - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
  - b) **State of play of MS export interests (market access applications and existing barriers in accessing the US market) in preparation for coming meetings with the US**
    - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
4. **Canada: State of play of SPS activities, market access applications of Member States, and trade issues**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
5. **Outline of the main issues of WTO SPS Committee in 2025**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
6. **Brazil: State of play of the Member States' export interests and preparation for the next meeting of the EU-Brazil SPS Mechanism planned on 13-14 February 2025**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
7. **EU candidate countries (Western Balkans, Ukraine, Moldova): State of play in the field of SPS activities**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
8. **Türkiye: State of play of arrangements and exchanges of correspondence on:**
  - a) **honey and beekeeping products imported from Türkiye**
    - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
  - b) **export of live animals to Türkiye**
    - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
9. **Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC): state of play of SPS activities**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
10. **China: State of play of SPS activities**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- 11. Japan: State of play of SPS activities; preparation for the upcoming 2024 EU-Japan EPA SPS Committee meeting**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 12. Korea: State of play of SPS activities; preparation for the upcoming 2025 EU-Korea SPS Committee (3 -4 June 2025 in Seoul)**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 13. Philippines: State of play of SPS activities; preparation for the next 2<sup>nd</sup> round of FTA negotiations on SPS and SFS chapters**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 14. India: State of play of SPS activities; preparation for the 10th round of FTA negotiations between the EU and India on SPS chapter (March 2025 in Brussels)**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 15. Vietnam: state of play on new import requirements and pending market access applications**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 16. Indonesia: State of play of SPS activities**  
*– Information from the Commission and from Member states*
- 17. Thailand: State of play of SPS activities, preparation for the next 5<sup>th</sup> round of FTA negotiations on SPS and SFS chapters (March 2025 in Brussels)**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 18. Central America: Preparation of the upcoming meeting with Panama, Guatemala and Costa Rica**  
*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 19. Any other business (AOB)**
  - a) FMD outbreak in Germany**  
*– Information from the Commission/ Member States and exchange of views*

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