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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| Tel./Fax: | +32 2 281 22 93 |
| Subject: | Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group) |
| Date: | 31 May 2023 |
| Time: | 10:00 |
| Venue: | COUNCIL |
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| | Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUXELLES |

DISCUSSION

1. Matters arising from previous meetings
 - *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and exchange of views*
2. United Kingdom: state of play on the bilateral relations in the veterinary field
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
3. Ukraine: state of play on the bilateral relations in the veterinary field
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

4. India

- a)** Update on issues and activities in relation to exports to India (certificates, registered establishments, milk questionnaire, visits to the EU of India officials, audits to Member States
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b)** Handbook on animals and animal products for exporters to India and competent authorities of EU Member States
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- c)** State of play of the EU-India FTA negotiations with regard to the SPS and SFS Chapters
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

5. China

- a)** Update on the registration of establishments by GACC under Decree 248
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b)** State of play on other SPS activities
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

6. Japan

- a)** Update on activities with Japanese Competent Authorities on SPS issues (Mutual Recognition Project on regionalisation)
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b)** State of play of market access applications
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

7. South Korea

- a)** State of play on the recognition of regionalisation
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b)** Market access for beef
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

8. Taiwan

- a)** Debrief on the SPS issues covered during the EU-Taiwan Trade and Investment dialogue on 28 April 2023

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- b)** Market access applications

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

9. Vietnam: Report from the 3rd EU-Vietnam SPS Committee under the EU-Vietnam FTA and the technical meeting 4 – 5 May 2023

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

10. Indonesia

State of play of the EU-Indonesia FTA negotiations with regard to the EU request to negotiate an SFS chapter, after the 14th round of negotiations on 8 – 12 May 2023 in Brussels

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

11. Australia

- a)** State of play of the EU-Australia FTA negotiations with regard to the SPS and SFS Chapters

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- b)** Market access issues

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

12. USA: Report from the first EU-US Food Safety Working Group (FSWG) 29 – 30 March 2023

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

13. Brazil: State of play of the EU SPS export market access priorities and issues linked to the coming meeting of the EU-Brazil SPS Mechanism

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

14. Central America: Preparation of the EU-Central America SPS Subcommittee meeting 12 – 16 June 2023

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

15. Debrief from working group meeting on the WTO Ministerial declaration on responding to modern SPS challenges 8 – 10 May 2023 and Intersessional SPS Committee meeting on 11 May
- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
16. Any other business

INFORMATION

17. SPS market access (export) issues: Report of the Market Access Working Group on SPS Issues meeting of 30 March 2023 (WK 5608 2023 INIT) (*)
18. ESA-EU interim EPA – Negotiations on the deepening: Chapter on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Protocol on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters (WK 5515 2023 INIT) (*)

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