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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Date:	31 May 2023
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING 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. Türkiye: Preparation of the EU-Türkiye SPS Technical Working Group, planned for 10 July 2023
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
5. 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*
6. 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*
7. 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*

- 8.** 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*
- 9.** 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*
- 10.** 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*
- 11.** 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*
- 12.** 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*
- 13.** USA: Report from the first EU-US Food Safety Working Group (FSWG) 29 – 30 March 2023
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

14. 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*
15. Central America: Preparation of the EU-Central America SPS Subcommittee meeting 12 – 16 June 2023
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
16. 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*
17. Any other business

INFORMATION

18. SPS market access (export) issues: Report of the Market Access Working Group on SPS Issues meeting of 30 March 2023 (WK 5608 2023 INIT) (*)
19. 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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