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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	life.3@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Date:	30 November 2023
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. China:

a) State of play of SPS activities and preparation of the EU-China Summit (7th – 8th December 2023)

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

b) Proposal for a protocol on raw hides and skins for bovine, ovine and caprine

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

2. **Japan: State of play of SPS activities, preparation for the EPA SPS Committee (7th – 8th December 2023, Tokyo) and Regionalisation project**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
3. **Morocco: Latest exchanges with Moroccan authorities on WTO notification G/SPS/N/MAR/99 regarding registration of food-related establishments**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
4. **Australia: State of play of the FTA SPS negotiations with Australia in relation to the EU-Australia work programme on SPS issues**
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*
5. **South Korea: Outcome of the EU-Korea SPS Committee (26th October 2023) and technical meetings with MAFRA/MFDS (27th October 2023)**
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*
6. **Canada: Outcome of the last JMC on SPS under CETA (3rd – 5th October)**
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*
7. **Colombia-Ecuador-Peru: Outcome of the 6th EU-Colombia-Ecuador-Peru SPS Subcommittee (6th – 9th November 2023)**
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

8. Ukraine: Outcome of the 8th EU-Ukraine SPS Subcommittee meeting of 29th November

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

9. Republic of Moldova: outcome of the last EU-Moldova SPS Committee meeting (6th October 2023)

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

10. United Kingdom: Outcome of the meeting of the EU-UK Trade Specialised Committee on SPS measures (11th October 2023) and update on current veterinary issues with the UK

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

11. United States of America: Outcome of the EU-US Animal Health Technical Working Group (15th – 16th November 2023)

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

12. Singapore: Outcome of the 4th SPS Committee under the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (31st October 2023)

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

13. India: Outcome of the 6th round of SPS negotiations with India

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

14. Thailand:

a) Feedback from the 2nd round of FTA negotiations with Thailand – in relation to SPS and SFS issues 22nd – 26th January 2024

– *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

b) Debrief from the latest meeting on market access issues with Thailand

– *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

15. Saudi Arabia: Outcome audit on TSE control measures in Greece with the objective to lift country bans on remaining EU Member States for exports of bovine, ovine and caprine products.

– *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

16. Past and upcoming audits in Member States (November-December 2023)

– *Information by the Presidency, delegations and Commission services, and exchange of views*

17. Export certification systems of Member States: sharing of experiences

– *Presentations by the Lithuanian and Spanish Delegation*

18. Summary of activities of the Spanish Presidency

– *Information by the Presidency*

19. AOB: Any other business

a) Presentation of the programme of the upcoming Belgian Presidency

– *Presentation by the Belgian delegation*

Items for information

20. Report from the WTO SPS Committee meeting held in November 2023 (*)

(*) Item only for written communication

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