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Subject: - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 as regards electronic identification
of bovine animals and deleting the provisions on voluntary beef labelling
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC as regards computer databases which
are part of the surveillance networks in the Member States

Further to the meeting of the Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Animal Health) on
29 November 2011, delegations will find attached comments from the Czech delegation on the
above issue.

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General comment

The Czech Republic supposes that current system already allows Member States to use electronic ear tag as a second identifier. This proposal should respond to demand to enable boluses with transponders as a second means of identification and to extend the maximum period from the birth of the animal up to 60 days in the case of this type of identification.

The Czech Republic requires that electronic identification should be on a voluntary base and this system should be chosen by keeper and should be independent on Member States. Method of identification must not be a trade barrier between Member States.

The Czech Republic supposes that the electronic data exchange system between Member State's databases is independent on EID and it should be used as soon as a fully operational system for data exchange is established.

Article 4 – 4d

Proposal should differentiate between first and second means of identification and should introduce extended period (from animal birth) for using boluses. All means of identification applied to one animal shall bear the same unique identification code with exception for additional application EID. One means of identification is sufficient for identification of animal, the two means of identification are used for case of loss – this principle should be clear for cross-compliance control.

Article 7

Paragraph 2 should be deleted, there is no sense of completing the passport, because passports will exist only for intra-Union trade and it shall be returned to the competent authority of the issuing Member State immediately upon arrival of the animal at the holding of destination.

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This proposal is unnecessary and bears administrative burdens for keepers.