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BIOSECURITY IN LIVESTOCK FARMS:

Overview and strategies for the future

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European Symposium on biosecurity in livestock farms

European livestock farming achieved a high level of health quality in the second half of the 20th century, due to the efforts of farmers, their animal health organizations, veterinarians and public authorities. This progress facilitated trade within the Common Market and then the Single Market. Unfortunately, we are now faced with a growing number of threats, animal health crises and import risks.

Prevention is therefore essential to preserve our acquis and limit the scale and impact of crises. This is both an individual and a collective challenge. With the Animal Health Law (AHL), the European legislator wanted to encourage this preventive approach by emphasizing the development of biosecurity.

Biosecurity is the cornerstone of prevention. But it needs to be adapted to different species, different types of farming and different threats. A lot has already been done, particularly in the poultry and pig farming sectors. However, it is essential to pursue the effort, in particular to ensure that this approach is implemented on ruminant farms.

After recalling the threats and existing tools as well as international standards, the aim of this symposium is firstly to take stock of what has already been achieved in this field, to assess its relevance and the conditions for its implementation. We will concentrate here on the cattle sector. Then, in the afternoon, we will look to the future, considering the contributions of research and the development projects carried out by farmers' animal health organizations.

This symposium is open to all stakeholders in the livestock and animal health sector. Participation is free but registration is compulsory (see page 4). The event will be interpreted into English, French and Dutch.

The serious difficulties facing the livestock sector, the pressure of animal health risks and the need to ensure the sustainability of our production require us to succeed in putting preventive measures in place. This will be the fruit of each and every one's effort. We are therefore counting on your participation in this symposium.

Agenda

09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 Welcome words, Dr Chantal RETTIGNER, Belgian CVO, Didier DELMOTTE, President of FESASS

10:15 Animal Health Threats and Biosecurity in European Livestock Farming, Dr Barbara LOGAR, Deputy Head of the Animal Health Unit - DG SANTE

10:45 Implementation of AHL request on Biosecurity at farm, Dr. Barbara HOFFMANN, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer of Germany

11:15 WOAH's views and draft Chapter on Biosecurity for Terrestrial Code, Dr. Etienne BONBON, President of WOAH's Terrestrial Code Commission

11:40 – 12:10 3 Farmers testimonies

- Biosecurity in dairy herd in front of Tuberculosis, Jonathan LENOURICHEL, Livestock Farmer and President of GDS Calvados (Normandy)
- Biosecurity in an extensive cattle farm in Wallonia, Yves-Marie DESBRUYERES, Livestock Farmer at Melles (Wallonia)
- Biosecurity in a mixed cattle and sheep herd, João MADEIRA, Livestock Farmer and President of ADS Mértola (Alentejo)

12:10 – 12:50 Round table on biosecurity at farm: interests and challenges (Farmer, German deputy, CVO, FVE, DG SANTE and WOAH) Moderator : Dr Evelyn DE GRAEF, Manager Animal Health and Innovation, DGZ

12:50 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:00 Research on Biosecurity in livestock farms, Moderator Dr Jean-Charles CAVITTE, Research Policy Officer, DG AGRI

- BIOSECUR Project, Pr. Jeroen. DEWULF, Veterinary Faculty of Gent (Belgium)
- New Biosecurity Tools, Pr. Claude. SAEGERMAN, Veterinary Faculty of Liege (Belgium)
- BETTER project - A COST Action to improve biosecurity in farmed animals, Pr. Alberto Oscar ALLEPUZ PALAU, Associate professor in the Animal Health Department of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain)

15:00 – 15:45 Planed programs of 4 FESASS' Members about biosecurity in livestock farms:

- Implementation of biosecurity in ruminant farms in France, Dr Carole SALA, Veterinary Advisor GDS France
- A preventative action plan in the battle against AMR, Dr Evelyn De GRAEF, Manager Animal Health and Innovation, DGZ
- Biocheck implementation in Irish pig farms, Dr David GRAHAM, CEO of AHI
- Biosecurity measures on a German turkey farm, Ralf OLTMANN, Farmer in Lower Saxony, ZDG

15:45 – 16:15 Round table on Future strategies and biosecurity economics (Stéphane JEANNE, 1st Vice President of FESASS, Dr Jean-Charles CAVITTE, Research Policy Officer, DG AGRI, Pr. Alberto Oscar ALLEPUZ PALAU, Associate professor in the Animal Health Department of the Autonomous University of Barcelona and Pr. Yolanda VAZ, Deputy CVO for Portugal) Moderator:Dr. Katelijne SMETS, Director General ARSIA

16:15 – 16:30 Conclusions, Dr Chantal RETTIGNER, Belgian CVO and Didier DELMOTTE President of FESASS

16:30 End of the Symposium