



Update on regulatory activities on TSE in the EU

Meeting of the network of NRLs-TSE

**Web Meeting
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Review of activities since 1 November 2019

➤ ***Horizontal topics***

- ❑ Feed ban
- ❑ Trade-related issues

➤ ***Disease-specific topics***

- ❑ BSE
- ❑ Scrapie
- ❑ CWD



➤ *Horizontal topics*

Feed ban

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Feed ban

Pig, poultry and insect PAP

- Willingness of the Commission to allow pig PAP in poultry feed, poultry PAP in pig feed, insect PAP in poultry and pig feed
- **Status:** ongoing discussion - 1st draft tabled in Jan 2019
- **Main difficulty:** ensuring compliance with the non-cannibalism principle (pig and poultry PAP)
- **Next steps:** continuation of the discussion



Feed ban

Use of ruminant collagen and gelatine

- Commission mandate sent to EFSA in May 2019, on the potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant C&G in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals.
- **Status:** scientific opinion finalized at working group level
- **Expected conclusion:** no risk
- **Next steps:** adoption of the opinion at the BIOHAZ panel of 22 September; Commission to propose an amendment of the feed ban allowing the presence of ruminant C&G in the feed for non ruminant farmed animals (2021)



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Feed ban

Light microscopy method – number of determinations and insect particles

- Annex VI to Regulation 152/2009 describes the light microscopy method for the detection of animal particles in feed.
 - Update of the general method: number of determinations
 - addition of a **specific double-sedimentation step** for the detection of insect PAP

- **Status:**
 - draft on the number of determinations voted on 16 Sept.
 - Double sedimentation: not started yet

- **Next steps:**
 - publication on the nb of determinations (before end of 2020)
 - Launch of the discussion on insects at EURL-AP/NRL level (before end of 2020)



➤ *Horizontal topics*

Trade-related issues

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BSE status of third countries

- OIE resolution of 2019 granted to Serbia the BSE negligible risk status
- **Status:** text voted at the PAFF committee of 27 May and Decision (EU) 2020/919 published on 2 July 2020
- **Next steps:** address the following statuses (2nd semester 2021)

	Current status OIE	Current EU Décision 2007/453
UK / Scotland	Controlled risk (2019)	Negligible risk
UK / Jersey	Negligible risk (2020)	Undetermined

Trade-related issues

Revision of the OIE Code

- Draft revised BSE chapter published after the September 2019 Code commission meeting
EU comments provided to OIE in December 2019 and further discussed with the TSE working group of February 2020
- **Status:** ongoing discussion at OIE level. OIE ad-hoc groups meetings took place last spring
- **Next steps:** publication by the OIE of a revised version of the draft, sending of EU comments, possible adoption at the 2021 OIE General Session



➤ *Disease-specific topics*

BSE

Atypical-BSE reference material

- Current stockpile of reference material of atypical BSE (H and L-types) is critically low, with just enough for 1 more PT

*...despite the generosity of several NRLs – **THANK YOU!***

- Short term solution: no BSE-discriminatory PT in 2021
- Long term solution needed
- **Status:** ongoing reflection, mainly:
 - Drastic reduction of the number of NRLs participating in the PT (13 in 2019)
 - Production of reference material - experimental challenge



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Genetic resistance to CS in goats

- Based on a 2017 EFSA opinion, recognition in the legislation that the alleles K222, D146 and S146 are associated to resistance to CS in goats. Adjustments of the eradication measures in goats.
- **Status:** Com Regulation 2020/772 published on 12/06/2020



- Late notice that 2020/772 fails to align in goats the obligation to genotype all positive cases and immediately notify to the Commission any case in a resistant genotype.
- **Status:** ongoing discussion on a draft tabled in August 2020
- **Next steps:** Vote in SCOPAFF by the end of 2020 or early 2021

Scrapie

Repeal of intensified surveillance re AS

- A 2-year intensified surveillance obligation is applicable since 2013 in holdings with AS. Justification = collection of scientific data. Time to gather the data kept in the MS and to repeal the measure.
- **Status:** ongoing discussion - 1st draft tabled in June 2020
- **Next steps:**
 - Vote of the repeal in SCOPAFF by the end of 2020 or early 2021
 - Examination of the data by EFSA – report by June 2021

Scrapie Discriminatory testing in sheep and goats

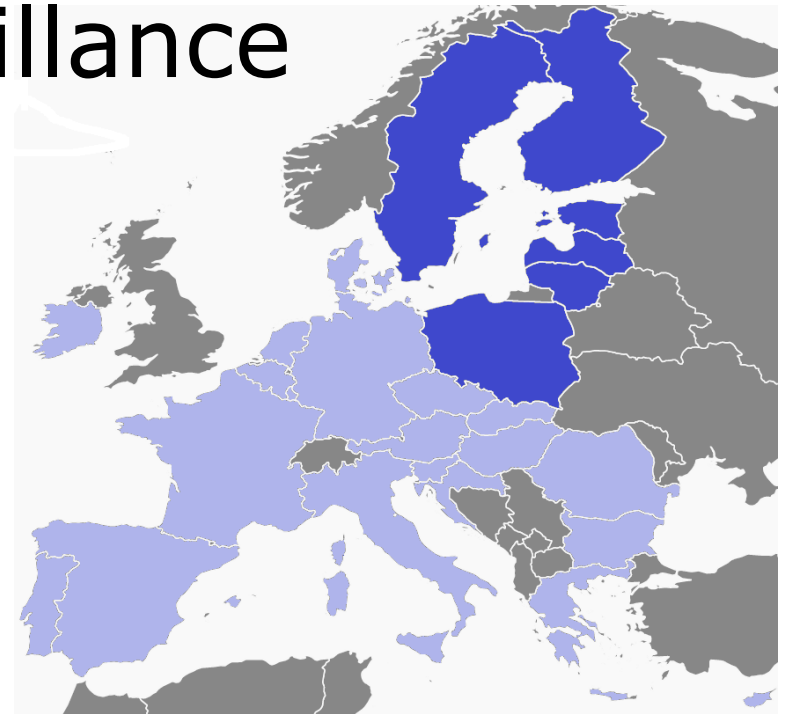
- Amendment of Annex X to Regulation 999/2001 (lab methods)
 - only “index” cases to be submitted to discriminatory testing
 - Repeal of the short-list of laboratories designated to perform secondary molecular testing (2 in France, 1 in UK). Method and laboratory now to be chosen by the EURL on a case-by-case basis.
- **Status:** draft voted at the SCOPAFF of 27 May 2020
- **Next steps:** adoption and publication within a few weeks



➤ *Disease-specific topics*

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

CWD surveillance



- 3-year surveillance programme, starting in 2018, for CWD in cervids, in countries with a reindeer and/or a moose population
- **Status:** ongoing. Still only 1 case in FI and 3 in SE, all in moose
- **Next steps:**
 - SE to maintain the surveillance effort throughout 2021
 - Final assessment of the results will be requested from EFSA in 2022



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Questions?