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1. ENSCA/INSCA Explanatory note on new EU Import certificates for Casings - updated on 4th April

You may like to know that the joint ENSCA/INSCA explanatory note (*that was sent to you the first time in [PM 297](#)*) has been updated on 4th April.

Please find the updated version here-after: [Click HERE](#)

2. Agriculture and Fisheries Council / - 21st March 2022 - Main outcomes

The EU Agriculture & Fisheries Council met physically in Brussels on Monday 21st March 2022. we have pleasure in sharing with you the main outcomes of the meeting. Please [click HERE](#).

The next meeting is scheduled for 7th April 2022 in Luxembourg.

2. Animal Health Update – March 2022

Please click [HERE](#) to have access to the Animal Health Update for the months of March 2022.

3. Forum for the Future of Agriculture 2022 – Report

The Forum for the Future of Agriculture (FFA) 2022 took place on Tuesday 15th March 2022 in hybrid mode in Brussels with about 200 participants on the spot. The main topics discussed in 4 sessions were the sustainability of the food systems modelled by the impact of the Ukraine-Russia war in the short and long-term measures, the true cost of food and the Green Deal/Farm to Fork strategy.

UECBV Secretariat drew up a report presenting the key messages of the conference. Meat-critical contributions were made in session 3. Please click [HERE](#) to have access to UECBV Note ref. 24507.

4. Expert group on European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM) – Meeting on 9 and 23rd March – Main outcomes + Commission's Communication on safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems

You may like to know that EU COM created an expert group on European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM). UECBV is a member of this group.

Due to the war in Ukraine, already two meetings took place in March.

Here are the main outcomes:

9th March:

- This is a very serious crisis for the EU, but not only: the impact is global, with attention to the countries of North Africa.
- The sectors that suffer the most are animal feed, canned fish, flour, pork, ... and indirectly, all (energy prices, freight...).
- Among the measures proposed are: set-aside for protein crop production, special aid for producers (crisis reserve), storage aid for pig meat, relaxation of state aid.
- Immediately: authorization of EFSA-approved GMO events, removal of MRL barriers, flexibility in labelling.
- Distortions in the EU market must be avoided (some Eastern European countries withhold production).
- It is unclear to what extent Green Deal and F2F should be analysed in this debate.

23rd March:

- A real sense of urgency from the side of the Commission was not to be seen.
- DG AGRI is only looking for agricultural products and market measures (not much) to help specific sectors. This is not in UECBV's sense, it does not look like COM thinks in terms of food chain as our sector does.
- Silo approach (DG AGRI, DG MARE, DG SANTÉ) is still "à la mode", instead of looking jointly to the different angles of the crisis.
- DG TRADE was absent.
- COM is preparing a study on risks and vulnerabilities of the food chain, plus a dashboard - results to be expected by the end of 2023.
- Two subgroups will be created, the one on reinforcing diversity of sources, the other on communication. UECBV should analyse participation.
- UECBV insisted on the point about Poland and border controls; CELCAA supported as well, but no response from COM side.
- It seems that there will be no changes in Green Deal / F2F.

Furthermore, Commission published on 23rd March its communications on '**Safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems**'. It presents a suite of short- and medium-term actions to enhance global food security and support farmers and consumers in the EU, given the hike in food prices and input costs, such as energy and fertilisers.

Please find UECBV Note ref. 24607 [HERE](#)

5. Presentation of new IPCC – Hearing in EP Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (COMENVI) - Meeting on 14th March 2022

On 14th March 2022, the EP Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (COMENVI) was hearing Professor Hans Poertner presenting the results of the new IPCC report. The main ideas stated were that the European Union cannot lose focus of climate change because of the war and that the consequences with the increase of the world's temperature are disastrous and compromise Europe's ability to provide food.

Prof. Hans Poertner pointed out that **Meat consumption is the big problem in Europe**. A large amount of land is used to produce animal feed. He considers that moving towards a plant-based diet frees a lot of land that could be used for human production and restoration of soils. Cut meat consumption by 30% and it compensates for 10% in grains decrease.
To read more in UECBV Note ref. 24459, please click [HERE](#).

6. Deforestation - state of play/follow-up

A presentation on Deforestation free regulation was held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022.

You can find the UECBV's note [here](#) from DG ENVI at a CELCAA meeting (where UECBV secretariat and members joined), as well as the presentation [here](#), and the position of COCERAL/FEDIOL/FEFAC [here](#).

Do not hesitate to send us your questions and remarks.

7. Due Diligence – Commission's proposal

On 23rd February 2022, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence.

Below are the highlights:

- **Companies dealing with Agriculture, leather, live animals, food and**, the manufacture of **food products**, and the **wholesale trade** of agricultural raw materials are in the scope of the draft Directive.
- The draft Directive comes **as a complement** to many other initiatives (*see footnote 1*).
- The draft Directive sets out a proposed EU standard for **human rights and environmental** due diligence (HREDD).
- This includes an **obligation for companies** to take appropriate measures to identify actual and potential adverse human rights and environmental impacts arising from their own operations or those of their subsidiaries and, where related to their value chains, from their "established business relationships".
- The draft Directive also provides a **mechanism for sanctions**.
- The new due diligence rules will, a priori, not apply to SMEs (*see in the note for the criteria for Group 1 and Group 2 companies*).
- It will apply also to **Non-EU companies** active in the EU with turnover threshold aligned with Group 1 and 2, generated in the EU, **even if they do not have a physical presence in the EU**.

To read more in UECBV Note ref. 24376 , please [click HERE](#).

8. TRADE&Green Deal/F2F - Conference 'Reconciling sustainability and openness' 29 March 2022-Main outcomes

As announced in the previous Circular letter, CELCAA (from which UECBV is a member) organised on 29th March a conference to discuss **how to reconcile the path towards greater sustainability while maintaining openness of trade with the European Union.**

Panellists exchanged on how trade can contribute to the transition towards more sustainability in the EU and globally, how to engage with trading partners based on more collaboration and avoiding trade frictions; and finally how to articulate the concept of Sustainable Food Systems in practice.

Please find here-after the main outcomes: [Click HERE](#)

9. AMR - Antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals, and food in 2019/2020 – EFSA Report

EFSA published on 29th March the *European Union Summary Report on Antimicrobial Resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food in 2019–2020.*

Please find the report [here](#).

The annual monitoring of AMR in animals and food within the EU is targeted at selected animal species corresponding to the reporting year. The 2020 monitoring specifically focused on **poultry** and their derived carcasses/meat, while the monitoring performed in 2019 specifically focused on fattening **pigs and calves under 1 year of age**, as well as their derived **carcasses/meat**.

Monitoring and reporting of **AMR in 2019–2020** included data regarding ***Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*** and indicator ***E. coli*** isolates, as well as data obtained from the specific monitoring of presumptive **ESBL-/AmpC-/carbapenemase-producing *E. coli* isolates**.

Specific trends:

- Resistance to Colistine (E. Coli indicator) for calves (under 1 year of age) (2014-2019) increased significantly in Portugal, while for pigs, increases were significant in France, Germany, Greece, Malta and Portugal.

Implications and recommendations from EFSA

- Prudence in the use of antimicrobials in all sectors, including agriculture, is necessary.
- CP resistant isolates need to be monitored closely as it is a last line antimicrobial not used in food-producing animals. Sources of CP resistant isolates in livestock should be investigated.
- Differences in the occurrence of AMR in Member States can relate to historical or current patterns of antimicrobial use but may also highlight differences in husbandry or other procedures which assist in the prevention of AMR.

10. Meat data dashboards & Commodity Price Dashboard - latest updates

For your information, please receive below the links to the latest updates on the meat data dashboards made available for:

[BEEF](#)

[PIG MEAT](#)

[SHEEP MEAT](#)

11. BREXIT: Meeting of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal Health in relation to trade with GB - 24th March 2022 - Report

A virtual meeting of the **Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal Plant Health in relation to trade with GB** took place on Thursday 24th March 2022.

To read the main outcomes of that meeting in UECBV Note ref. 24554, please [click HERE](#)

12. List of approved EU and third country establishments

Please note that the webgate has changed. It includes both EU and third countries establishments but only modifications for third countries are highlighted here-below.

Please note that **even if a country is listed with establishments, it does not automatically mean that export from these countries is possible**. Many countries are still on the TRACES NT overview, such as Afghanistan or Bahrein, that are not included in the country approval list (*Regulation EU/2021/404, amended by Regulation EU/2022/424 for Mongolia*) and RMP list (*Decision EU/2011/163*). See also [ENSCA PM 300](#)

To have access to the lists: [Click HERE](#).

New updates were published for:

Country	Section	Establishments	Published on
Afghanistan	Click HERE	13	10/03/2022
Pakistan	Click HERE	35	28/03/2022
China	Click HERE	135	18/03/2022

Country	Section	Establishments	Published on
Uzbekistan	Click HERE	8	10/03/2022
Turkey	Click HERE	26	10/03/2022
Mongolia	Click HERE	25	10/03/2022
Morocco	Click HERE	20	10/03/2022
Lebanon	Click HERE	9	10/03/2022
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	Click HERE	37	10/03/2022
United Kingdom	Click HERE	27	10/03/2022
Argentina	Click HERE	14	10/03/2022

13. Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)

There was no new alert published in the RASFF since the last Circular Letter.

To access to the new RASFF Portal: [Click HERE](#)

NB: when searching, casings belong to the category "meat and meat products".