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1. Agriculture and Fisheries Council / 13th June 2022 - Main outcomes

The EU Agriculture & Fisheries Council met physically in Luxemburg on Tuesday 13th June 2022.

We have pleasure in sharing with you the main outcomes of the meeting. Please click [HERE](#).

The next meeting is scheduled 18th July 2022.

2. Animal Health Update – June 2022

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

3. 2022 Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union - Presentation

2022 Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union will be Czechia's second presidency of the Council held between **1st July and 31st December 2022**. Czech Republic held the first presidency from 1st January until 30th June 2009.

Czech Republic will be part of the 11th Presidency Trio, together with France and Sweden. This trio is the first in the third cycle of presidencies.

To read more about the Czech Presidency's priorities and programme, please click [HERE](#).

4. EU-NZ Trade deal sealed - first info

The EU's trade chief Valdis Dombrovskis and New Zealand Trade Minister Damien O'Connor announced this afternoon a Trade Agreement between the EU and New Zealand where negotiations started in 2018. The visit of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern upped the pressure on negotiators to conclude the talks between Brussels and Wellington today. Ardern even threatened this morning to leave Brussels without a deal if the outcome was not beneficial to New Zealand, with both sides haggling over agricultural access for beef and dairy products until the last minute.

The EU and New Zealand have concluded negotiations for a Trade Agreement, which is set to open significant economic opportunities for companies and consumers on both sides. The deal also includes unprecedented sustainability commitments, including respect of the Paris Climate Agreement and core labour rights, which are enforceable through trade sanctions as a last resort.

According to the EU Commission's press release [HERE](#), European Commission President, Ursula **von der Leyen** and Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade, Valdis **Dombrovskis** commented that *this trade agreement brings major opportunities for companies, farmers and consumers, on both sides highlighting that this is a new generation of trade deal, with both sides set to make real economic and environmental gains.*

Under the agreement, the EU will allow a **tariff rate quota** of:

- **10 000 tonnes of beef** to be imported with reduced duty of 7.5%. This volume will be gradually phased in over 7 years from the entry into force of the agreement. This is a modest volume, recognising the particular sensitivity of the beef sector, and is limited only to high-quality grass-feed beef, with higher costs of production and higher sustainability credentials than beef obtained via feedlots.
- **38 000 tonnes of sheep meat** to be imported duty-free. This volume will be gradually phased in over 7 years from the entry into force of the agreement.

The full text of the agreement is not yet available. It is expected to be ready soon. The text will go through legal revision ('legal scrubbing') and will be translated into all official EU languages. Following that, the European Commission will submit the agreement for signature and conclusion to the Council. Once adopted by the Council, the EU and New Zealand can sign the agreement. Following the signature, the text will be transmitted to the European Parliament for consent. After the consent by the Parliament, and once New Zealand also ratifies it, the agreement can enter into force.

From EP side, Trade Committee Chair Bernd Lange (S&D, DE) and Daniel Caspary (EPP, DE), the standing rapporteur for that file, issued statements that can be read [HERE](#).

5. Meat Market Observatory – 30th May 2022 – Main outcomes

The Meat Market Observatory met remotely on 30th May 2022 with UECEBV representatives in attendance.

Please find the main outcomes [here](#).

Next meeting: 26th October 2022.

6. AMR - Call for Applications for the selection of members of the Antimicrobial Resistance One Health Network – deadline 31st August 2022

The Commission published the Call for Applications for the selection of members of the AMR One Health Network.

The call aims at selecting professional **organizations, civil society organizations** as well as **independent experts** to become part of the **AMR One Health Network** and participate in relevant part of the Network's meetings.

The '**AMR One Health Network**' started its work in 2017 bringing together EU institutions, agencies and Member States to discuss how to best combat antimicrobial resistance in a **One Health** approach. The Commission expert group's mission is to enhance the coordination and dialogue between the human health, veterinary/foods safety, plant health and environmental sectors in policies to combat Antimicrobial Resistance.

The above-mentioned call for applications will extend the Network to stakeholders. Information on the work of the group so far is available [here](#).

The deadline for application is 31st August 2022.

Please find more information [here](#).

7. ASF in Germany - outbreak in an outdoor farm in Lower Saxony, near the Dutch border

The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) informs that African swine fever (ASF) has been detected in two domestic pig herds in Lower Saxony and Brandenburg respectively. The National Reference Laboratory, the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), has confirmed the findings of the respective state laboratories in the corresponding samples and will now support the competent authorities in investigating the pathway of entry of the pathogen into the herds on site. The competent authorities on site have initiated appropriate protective measures and, among other things, established protection and surveillance zones around the farms.

The Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL) therefore points out once again that **biosecurity measures** on farms are an elementary factor in protecting pig herds from the entry of the ASF virus and appeals to pig farmers to always make sure that these are reliably observed.

The enforcement of animal health law and thus the implementation of animal disease control is the responsibility of the local authorities responsible under Land law.

8. UECBV AGM 2022 and 70th Anniversary – Dublin 19-21

UECBV will celebrate its Annual General Meeting in Dublin from 19th to 21st October. It will be also a special opportunity for celebrating the 70th Anniversary of UECBV. **Save the date.**

Find a message from organisers [here](#).

9. 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](#)

10. 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
New Zealand	Click HERE	5	18/06/2022
Turkey	Click HERE	29	16/06/2022
Uzbekistan	Click HERE	8	14/06/2022
Egypt	Click HERE	15	02/06/2022

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

There have been no new alerts published in the RASFF since the last Circular Letter.

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

You can also consult the RASFF alerts published before 3rd June 2021 [HERE](#).

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