

WHIRDEC Meeting 2015

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Agenda

- I - Adopted texts : Identification regulation 2015/262
- II- Regulations in discussion :
 - a) Zootechnical
 - b) Animal health
 - c) Veterinary medicinal products
 - d) Cloning report
- III-Future themes
 - a) Provisional agenda of the Commission
 - b) Animal welfare



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- ADOPTED TEXTS

- Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2015/262 – Equine passport regulation
 - Central databases
 - Issuing bodies data exchanges in a country and between central databases

Main issues under discussion

- How and where to find central databases contact ?
- How can we easily exchange data / which data ?



Discussions

- Central databases

- There is a disparity between MS about setting up a central database. Some MS are already ready, some are setting up the central database, using existing databases or building one, some MS are not ready yet or will be during 2016.
- The data transmission on the central database is also very different from one MS to another (using WS, online input, sending files...)
- It would have difficulties for individual databases to inform central databases about horses born in a MS but registered in another (*e.g. in Germany it is not possible for a foreign organisation to transmit data to the central database*)
- Data exchanges between central databases are not described, the Hub developed by WBFSH can still be an option (*it would really help to find a horse from its microchip*)



Discussions

- Others interrogations
 - Interrogation about utility of the regulation if it is not combined with the follow-up of movements.
 - In some MS the central database will follow the keepers, in some MS the follow-up of movements is compulsory, in some MS there is a follow-up of the owners
 - But there is no follow-up from one MS to another (traceability?)
 - How to manage the import and re-import of horses (for more than 90 days), when this is known. Section C of the passport to fill in, is it enough ?
 - About food chain exclusion, it is not automatically informed into the central database. Sometimes the information is only in the passport
 - All decisions in the new regulations could be changed when the others regulations (zootechnics and animal health) will apply in the next years
- New developments
 - Several PIO are currently working on new application for mobile device to 'translate' the description of the horse from the diagram (France, HSI, PPE...)



USA / Canada

- USA

- At the moment there is no regulation about identification of horses, which is not compulsory
- United States Equestrian Federation Horse Identification and Recording Committee is working on a proposal about identification of horses in US. *Soon, competing horses should have to be identified with microchip, DNA and be recorded in a database*
- Horses exported to EU do not have an UELN, even if a lot of US organisations have an UELN code (*when the horse is registered in Europe and get an EU passport, it could be interesting to keep the UELN code of the US database to be able to find original information*)

- Canada

- A traceability system should have been set up (same as for cattle), but it did not...
- When horse meat is exported to EU, there is a withdrawal of 6 months but no further control (*why this withdrawal could not be applied for horses with replacement document?*)



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- REGULATIONS IN DISCUSSION

I - Proposal for a regulation 2014/5 final « trade and imports of breeding animals (zotechnical conditions) »

Preliminary remarks :

- two parallel discussions, Council/EP → information at variable stages.
- Multispecies regulation → equidae minority species

Main issues under discussion

- Right to ban or to limit some breeding technics (and some breeders)
- Breeding societies approved : general terms of approval simplified, approval for 5 years, obligation to produce a selection program/breeding program
- Introduction of a purebred definition
- Withdraw the possibility of taking delegated actes from the Commission → reduce legal uncertainties
- Transitional period of 5 years, to implement the regulation



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I - Proposal for a regulation 2014/5 final « trade and imports of breeding animals (zotechnical conditions) »

- Next steps

EP (commission vote or plenary vote)	Member States meeting/ COREPER trilogue	Previsionnal european final work	Implementation in MS
5 octobre : voting in com agriculture December : voting in plenary session	5-6 october (next experts meeting) Begining of the COREPER work after the plenary vote	Begining of 2016	Transitionnal period in discussion 2, 3 or 5 years



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II - Proposal for a regulation 2013 (260) final, « Animal Health »

Main questions in discussion :

- Zootechnical certificate or passport → possibility to use the zootechnical certificate as a passport (risk of fraud, risk of not having both documents with the horse...)
- Possibility for the veterinary authority to delegate the issue of the passport
- Give up the UELN → number structure of the UELN and reference to the life period → risk of fraud, goes against the identification regulation and against the concept of traceability

EP (commission vote or plenary vote)	Member States meeting/ COREPER trilogue	Provisional european final work	Implementation in MS
24/11/2015 final vote in plenary session	Non official agreement between Council/Commission and EP on the 17 of june	Beginning of 2016 ?	It must be implemented before the zootechnical regulation, or at the same time

Discussions

- UELN

- All Stud-books representatives are strongly in favour of keeping the UELN as the unique life number of the horse in addition to the microchip. WBFSH supports the UELN
 - The UELN is the non equivocal link between the horse's passport and the original PIO, the microchip is a link between the horse and its passport. The microchip does not give any detail about identity of the horse

- Zootechnical and identification document

- All Stud-books representatives are against the separation of the zootechnical and identification document.
- Necessity to limitate delegate acts and to not approve several breeding program for the same breed



III – Proposal for a regulation 2014/558 final, « veterinary medicinal products »

Main questions in discussion

- Withdrawal period → two solutions in discussion : monitoring veterinary product intake all its life, or a withdrawal of 6 months before slaughter.
- Food chain exclusion → the concept of food chain exclusion is the last resort, with many risks (price of horse inscreases, decline in welfare, changing of horse status, decrease in horse production, etc.)

EP (commission vote or plenary vote)	Member States meeting/ COREPER trilogue	Previsionnal european final work	Implementation in MS
24/11/2015 : vote in plenary session	Actualy in informal discussion in and between MS	Throughout 2016	Unknown

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IV - Proposal of directive on « cloning » COM(2013)892 final

- First proposal of the Commission includes two aims :
 - To limit cloning but not ban it
 - Exception for horses breed in the goal of sport performance
- European parliament wanted to ban cloning and to extend the prohibition to all farm animals.
- 8/09/2015 : EP vote in plenary session the banning of cloning for all farm animals.

Next steps

- The Council adopte the vote → text adopted
- The Council refuse the vote and change the text → back to the EP
- Not possible to foresee the agenda (depend of the Council decision, whose negotiations are not public)



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FUTURE TOPICS

I – Draft agenda of the Commission

Content of proposal	Kind of legal act	Provisionnal agenda
List of deseases	Implementing acts	Proposal of the Commission end of 2015
EU animal mobility, registration, identification	Delegates acts	After adoption of Animal Health and Zootechnical (2015 et 2016)
Entry in EU of animals from third coutries	Delegated act	After adoption of Animal Health and Zootechnical (2015 et 2016)

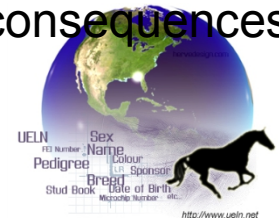
Those last delegated acts depend on the final adoption of proposals of a regulation currently in discussion

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- FUTURE TOPICS

II –Horse Welfare

- European policy managed by :
the Directorate general Health and Consumers (SANCO) : Unit 3, office
« Veterinary and international affaires ».
- Policy stages :
 - Action plan 2012-2015 of the Commission ended by the report of Eurogroup for Animal Welfare (december 2014)
 - 22nd of October 2015 : announcement of the Commission policy for 2016-2020 : either a legal text or a Code of good Practice
 - EP position : Julie Guerling, responsible for the informal group about horses spoke of a Code
 - Requirements of animal welfare have potentially far-reaching consequences but they are in favour of an effective identification system



Conclusion

All new regulations, short time application and all discussions around those regulation show that it is still important to meet around these important topics, to inform, to debate, to understand the different point of view, the different interpretations and keep a good level of information, and also, when necessary to obtain a common position, which can be then relieved by the WBFSH or by representants of ministries to EU commission.

It would be also important to work more and closer about data exchange at least between central databases.

The WHIRDEC will still meet at least once a year to continue in this direction.

All participants are free to bring new subjects about horse identification, registration and data exchanges around the table.

