EU Animal Health Law:

REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 ON TRANSMISSIBLE ANIMAL DISEASES ('ANIMAL HEALTH LAW')*

The first 'Animal Health Law' in EU

- Published in the EU Official Journal on 31 March 2016
- Date of application: 21 April 2021
- Further details will be in Commission rules (delegated and implementing acts)
  - To complement the framework law
  - "Key" acts to be adopted by 21 April 2019
- Modernising EU animal health rules:
  - to be able to face numerous challenges
  - to become more dynamic and fit for decades
- Limited or no impact on import policy and rules
European Commission activities in Europe (1)

- **OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe**
  
  **Activities since May 2015:**
  
  - First workshop on **stray dog population management** for the **West Eurasia countries** in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, October 2015
  
  - Fifth meeting of the **Steering Group** of the platform (SG5), Dublin, November 2015
  
  - Training of Trainers **Workshops on transport and slaughter** for 6 Russian speaking countries, Russia, March-April-May 2016
  
  - Sixth meeting of the **Steering Group** of the platform (SG6), Teramo, April 2016
European Commission activities in Europe (2)

- OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (continued)

Upcoming events:
- Campaign on good dog population management launched May 2016; still on-going
- Second workshop on stray dog population management for the Balkan countries, Albania, June 2016 (tbc)
- Training on long distance transport, Second half 2016 (tbc)
- Seventh meeting of the Steering Group of the platform (SG7), Spain, 17-18 November 2016
European Commission activities in Europe (3)

- **BTSF training workshops on “Movements of pets”**
  - Series of 20 four-day workshops for MS & neighbouring countries on control of cross border movement of dogs and cats – ongoing since 2013

- **BTSF workshop on International Standard Setting Bodies - OIE – for Eastern neighbouring countries**
  - 9-11 June 2015 in Kiev, Ukraine

- **BTSF seminar on EU Animal Health System for neighbouring countries**
  - 23-25 September 2015 in Varese, Italy in the margins of MilanExpo2015
European Commission activities in Europe (4)

**Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)**

- **Joint EFSA / SANTE Workshop on Lumpy Skin Disease**
  To strengthen regional cooperation in South East Europe and Middle East for the surveillance, prevention and control of LSD, 11-12 May 2016 in Brussels.
  Participants: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey with experts of EFSA, SANTE, OIE Ref Lab, REMESA secr., CODA-CERVA

- **Creation of an EU Lumpy Skin Disease vaccine bank**
  To assist MS and neighboring countries with emergency vaccination against LSD (vaccines already sent to Bulgaria, Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

- **Expert scientific assistance with Lumpy Skin Disease**
  2 CVET (Community Veterinary Emergency Team) missions carried out in Greece (2-6 Nov 2015 & 12-13 April 2016)
European Commission activities in Europe (5)

- **Standing Group of Experts on ASF in Eastern Europe under the GF-TADs umbrella**
  - SG3 meeting (Moscow March 2016) reviewed the 7 country expert missions undertaken in 2015 – **meeting report, conclusions and recommendations** now available on GF-TADs Europe website
  - Short SGE4 meeting (Paris OIE GS 2016 – Tuesday lunchtime) on state of play of epidemiological sitation and control efforts in the region, invitation extended to Moldova and Romania

- **BTSF activities:**
  - Sustained training missions in Moldova on 23-27 May 2016
  - Planned sustained training missions in Ukraine (tbc)
  - 2 regional workshops (in 2016-2017)
  - 12 sustained training missions in various countries (in 2016/2017)
European Commission activities in Europe (6)

**Joint activities with other regions:**

- **BTSF workshop on International Standard Setting Bodies - OIE – for Southern neighbouring countries**
  - 8 -10 March 2016 in Abu Dhabi, UAE (for Middle Eastern countries)

- **Mediterranean Animal Health Network (REMESA)**
  - Participation of Commission as observer in Joint Permanent Committee meetings (24-25 November 2015 in Algiers, Algeria, and 10-11 May in Toledo, Spain)

- **Co-financing of Regional meetings and activities on coordination of FMD control in North Africa** incl. setting up of an **OIE FMD Vaccine bank for REMESA via the OIE World Fund (150 k EUR, to be launched 2nd semester 2016)**
Thank you for your attention!

For more information on the EU Animal Health Law:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm