



The EU Animal health Law and a roadmap for sustainable EU livestock

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Animal Health Policy in the EU

- **The beginning: The Animal Health Strategy**
- **The milestone: The Animal Health Law**
- **The new practices: The stakeholders contribution**
 - **Roadmap for sustainable livestock**
 - **Animal health advisory Committee**



The EU Animal Health Strategy

EU Animal Health Strategy 2007-2013 in a nutshell

- a new motto "prevention is better than cure"
- aiming to focus on preventive measures, disease surveillance, controls and research.
- the goal a new EU animal health policy that would be more robust but flexible, efficient and effective.
- with two key underlying principles: partnership and communication
- based on four pillars:
 - **Defining Priorities** – Listing and categorisation of animal diseases for intervention
 - **New EU Animal Health legal framework** – replacing existing series of linked and interrelated rules by a single policy & legal framework
 - **Prevention, surveillance and preparedness**
 - **Science, innovation and research**



The EU Animal Health Law

EU Animal Health Law (AHL) in a nutshell

What is the EU AHL?

- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases *
- A framework Regulation to be complemented by detailed rules

What is in the EU AHL?

- Principles and rules for transmissible animal diseases in kept and wild animals and their products for terrestrial, aquatic and other animals
- Animal health rules for:
 - Disease prevention
 - Disease control and eradication
 - Intra-EU movements and entry into the EU of animals and animal products
 - Emergency measures
- **Supplementing rules needed to ensure complete implementation**

What is NOT in the EU AHL?

- Animal welfare
- Veterinary checks, official controls
- Feed, medicated feed
- Veterinary education
- Pathologies of individual animals
- EU veterinary expenditure
- Veterinary medicines (VMP)



The stakeholders contribution

- Roadmap for sustainable livestock**
- Animal Health Advisory Committee**



A roadmap for sustainable livestock



Roadmap for Sustainable EU Livestock



Expand
INCENTIVES
that enable
the livestock
sector to remain
competitive.



Support
investments in
SCIENCE,
technology
and
innovation.



Incentivize
the uptake of
TECHNOLOGIES
aimed at improving
rural mobility for
livestock goods.



Adopt a **HOLISTIC**
legislative approach
to enable the
development and adoption
of all science-based
solutions.



Find a **common space**
where the livestock sector
can **COMMUNICATE**
to consumers and other
stakeholders.

In 2016, EL40 - the network of young Members of the European Parliament - organised a trilogy of debates entitled "Sustainable EU Livestock: Actions towards an Innovative, Climate-Smart and Competitive Future". In 2017, EU 40 brought the participants of the debates together again, with a goal to build this Roadmap for Sustainable EU Livestock. The series of debates as well as work on creation of this Roadmap was supported by EU 40's corporate partner Elanco Animal Health, a division of Eli Lilly and Company.
The content of the document reflects consensus from the members of the group of stakeholders who had full editorial control. The document is not an official position of EU 40.
Members of the informal stakeholder group on Sustainable Livestock Production in Europe:



Three pillar of sustainable livestock



How animal health participates in the three pillars

How animal health contributes to environmentally sound livestock

- **Role of animal health for environmental performance:** healthy animals are more productive, thus the resource use is more efficient
- **Building a stronger knowledge-based agricultural sector:** science- based solutions to increase the sector's productivity using inputs more efficiently
- **Role of sustainable livestock in a circular bioeconomy:** policies should incentivize the regulation of ecological cycles like the recycling of by-products from food crops
- **Take into account environmental qualities in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) calculations:** policies should consider carbon sequestration achieved by livestock farmers including their cereal crops and grasslands in the GHG calculations

How animal health participates in the three pillars

How animal health contributes to socially responsible livestock

- **Role of sustainability in the fight against antimicrobial resistance:** affordable veterinary medicines and responsible use globally promotes animal health for sustainable livestock
- **Predictable policy environment fosters innovation in animal health:** Veterinary Medicines Legislation
- **Bridge the gap between the livestock sector and consumers to improve awareness:** Reconnecting consumers in urbanized areas with the health of the livestock sector

The EU AMR action plan



MAKING THE EU A BEST PRACTICE REGION ON AMR

- Better evidence and awareness
- Better coordination and implementation of EU rules
- Better prevention and control
- Better addressing the role of the environment
- A stronger partnership against AMR and better availability of antimicrobials



BOOSTING RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION ON AMR

- New economic models & incentives
- Better detection and control measures
- New antimicrobials, rapid diagnostic tests, vaccines & alternative therapies
- AMR in the environment



SHAPING THE GLOBAL AGENDA ON AMR

- Stronger EU global presence, partnering
- Stronger bilateral partnership for stronger cooperation
- Cooperating with developing countries
- Developing a global research agenda

How animal health participates in the three pillars

How animal health contributes to economically viable livestock

- **Support livestock farmers to remain cost competitive:** animal health supports global level playing field and better market access
- **Enhance access to technology focused on sustainable production systems:** technology and innovation to incentivize livestock farmers to adopt science-based solutions with affordable chains that are focused on markets



Animal Health Advisory Committee

What is the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC):

- The AHAC is a working group of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health
- Chaired by the Commission (DG SANTE)
- Participation of 3 representatives of Chief Veterinary Officers of three Member States (past, present and future Presidency).
- No specific membership but invitations are sent to:
 - All members of the AG on the Food Chain, Animal and Plant Health
 - EU-wide representatives of ***animal owners, the veterinary profession, food chain businesses, animal health industries, animal interest groups, producers of food and other animal products, processors, traders, consumers***, etc.
 - EU or other international bodies (such as ***EFSA, EMEA, ECDC, OIE, FAO***)
 - ***Third countries*** representatives or specific expertise when needed
 - List of stakeholders

What is discussed at AHAC (e.g. last agenda):

- 1. Information on the state of play and follow-up after adoption of the EU Animal Health Law**
 - Planning and context of future work on delegated and implementing acts.
 - Update information on disease listing and categorisation process
 - Information (update) on the study with regard to Article 144 of the EU Animal Health Law – on possible derogation from certification for intra-EU trade
 - Q and A and feed-back of stakeholders on other aspects of the EU Animal Health Law 2. State of play in the EU of avian influenza, African swine fever, lumpy skin disease. (SANTE G3)
- 2. "Funding options for 2018-2020 in relation to EU co-funded veterinary programmes and future perspectives"**
- 3. Animal Welfare: Information on the establishment of the Animal Welfare platform**
- 4. ERPA study on biosecurity measures against avian influenza (Presentation by Ezhvin BELLEC – ERPA) Comparison of 4 member states' regulations and definition of measures adapted to rural poultry.**
- 5. Any other business**

All presentations available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/advisory_committees/presentations_en#20160314

More about the AHL and the process:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm

Thank you