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| Meeting | EEF EU Committee Meeting |
| Date | 29 January 2015 |
| Time | 08:30-11:30 |
| Location | Hotel Rijckendael, Luitberg 1, 1853 Strombeek-Bever, Brussels |
| Chair | Bo Helander |
| Minutes by | Ali Küçük |

| Participants | NF |
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| Bo HELANDER (Chair) | SWE |
| Constance POPINEAU | FRA |
| Frank SPADINGER | AUT |
| Jacky BUCHMANN | BEL |
| Ali KUCUK | |
| Invited | |
| Hanfried HARING | |
| Excused | |
| Klaus MIESNER | GER |
| Damian Mc DONALD | IRL |

| Agenda | | |
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| Pt. | Topic | Speaker |
| 1 | Opening and Welcome | BH/AK |
| 2 | Update on the activities of EHN | BH |
| 3 | Update on EEF EU Subcommittee | CP |
| 4 | Update on Horse Passport / Identification / Issuance issues | AK |
| 5 | Planning 2015 | AK/BH |
| 6 | A.O. B. | BH |

MINUTES: 1- Opening and Welcome: Chair, Bo Helander(BH) opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. He proposes to revisit the last EEF EU Committee meeting minutes.

International Movement: Ali Küçük(AK) provides information on two important topics during the year about this item.

First one is the “Practical Guidelines to Assess the Fitness for Transport of Equidae” and the second is “The FEI High Health High Performance Horse (HHP) Subpopulation Category”. For the first item, AK mentions that following the correspondence, it was reconfirmed about the “only advisory” status of the document and not binding in terms of legislation.

As for HHP, he informs that the OIE in its last session adopted the concept into its definitions as new category.



However, it is clearly mentioned that the new application is dependent on member states accepting the new definition (and its consequences) and more likely to be utilised for horses that are already competing at 5* levels. Frank Spadinger (FS) states that applications might vary from one member state to another. Currently, among member states, the competition horses travel with their passports and the accompanying health certificate. Non-EU NFs additionally need Carnet ATA for border clearance into the union.

Consumer Sales Law: BH makes a summary about the latest status of the Consumer Sales Law. The unfortunate fact that the animals (within the scope of this law) are still treated in the same category of goods and services is still valid. Therefore recourse period (when the horse is claimed to have “defect”) is still 2 years which creates unnecessary burden on the seller.

Welfare: AK states that following the increasing amount/trend of animal welfare organisations/incidents, the NFs might need to set up internal welfare representatives. This is to safeguard the rights of equestrian sport while still continuing with the vigilant welfare principle. However, it should not be confused with a veterinarian or technical person. The post should accommodate more of a public-relations manager who must receive the technical data in-house and must be active before an incident takes place.

Committee Members: AK informs the participants that Manuel Bandeira de Mello and Robert Fekar will not be able to attend the EEF EU Committee due to change in their posts. In case of need, the committee chair will propose names for replacement to be further approved at the EEF GA.

2- Update on the Activities of EHN: AK briefs the members about two Expert Stakeholders meeting during the year where EHN was also represented. Participants mention that the EEF should be in these circles for lobbying point of view. In addition, the Horse Conference in Caen and the annual conference information is shared. While, the president of EHN, Stefan Johanson is to leave his post at the end of 2015, it is confirmed that Bo Helander will continue his board member position in this institution.

3- Update on the Activities of EU Sub-Committee VAT Working Group: The Sub-Committee Chair, Constance Popineau (CP), informs the participants about the establishment. Members are: Ossi Sopen-Luoma (FIN), Mark Bolger (IRL), Klaus Miesner (GER), Theo Van Der Meulen (NED). The first meeting minutes of the sub-committee is shared with participants. CP further asks the group the possibility to share with EEF members the questionnaire established with a short information introduction.

4- Update on Horse Passport / Identification / Issuance issues: AK provides information about the latest “Passport Regulation - Commission Implementing Regulation SANCO/7063/2013/Rev.12”. Although Passport Issuance right is still not centralized, this is always a sensitive topic which might come up again on various agendas. It is agreed that a centralized (unique) passport issuance authority is not in favour of the sport. However, centralization of the data base is strongly supported. Following the meeting, AK will share the new changes in the document with committee members and contact Klaus Miesner for possible methods about the protected cover or lamination application. Hanfried Haring proposes that this issue is revisited during the Secretary Generals Meeting in Essen.

5- Planning 2015: BH states that another meeting this year in September is necessary to assess the result of discussions. Members agree with the condition that another (easy-access) venue can also be investigated. Possible alternatives are Vienna or Paris (during the Horse Day).

6- AOB: CP suggests that EEF can organize seminars to increase its recognition towards stakeholders. AK asks the help of FRA NF lobbyist to organize meeting with Andrea Gavinelli (EC).

BH thanks the participants and closes the meeting at 11:30.