

## New animal health strategy - Action plan

### Underlying principles: Partnership and Communication

Activities	Milestones	Leadership	Orientative date for completion
1. Creation and management of the Animal Health Advisory Committee	First meeting and procedures	SANCO D1	Done (27 Feb 2008)
	3 to 4 meeting/year		Quarterly (2008-2013)
2. - Animal Health Communication Plan	Veterinary Week on biosecurity " Make citizens/farmers more aware of their responsibilities"	SANCO/TAXUD/ AGRI in partnership with FVE	10 -16 November 2008
	Improving SANCO Website:	SANCO D1/ SANCO A1	2007-2013
	1. AH strategy - Action Plan		June 2008
	2. Best practices		2009
	3. Questions and answers		2009
	Annual Communication Plan		December (yearly)

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### 1. Defining priorities

Activities	Milestones	Leadership	Orientative date for completion
3.1 Categorisation of animal disease risks (relevance for EU intervention)	<u><a href="#">CVOs - preparatory work</a></u>	SANCO D1/E2	Done (Feb 2008)
	Study in partnership with OIE on categorisation and economic weight of animal diseases		mid 2008 to mid 2009
	Study in partnership with ETPGAH (Discontools) Methodology to prioritise animal diseases + database (in close relation with point 27)		March 2008 to 2012
	Steering group (scoping paper)		2nd semester 2008
	Possible integration into the Animal Health Law (point 4)		CLWP 2010 (possibly)
3.2 Categorisation of chemical risks (relevant for EU intervention)	Annual residues Control Plan	SANCO E3	Yearly
NB: The action plan sets out some ambitious aims, not just for the Commission but for everyone with an interest in animal health. The Commission encourages all partners involved to consider how they may contribute to the action plan. The Commission will create different Task forces or Steering groups to direct the different actions foreseen in the Animal Health Strategy. It may invite official experts from the Member states to participate in the different Task forces and even open the different Steering groups to additional private expertise from the stakeholders' organisations.			

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## 2. A Modern Legal Framework

Activities	Milestones	Leadership	Orientative date for completion
A single and clearer regulatory framework			
4. An EU Animal Health Law	CVOs - preparatory work	SANCO D1	Done (Feb 2008)
	Steering Group (Scoping paper)		2nd semester 2008
	Consultation process		2009
	Regulatory proposal (IA)		CLWP 2010
Developing efficient cost and responsibility sharing schemes			
5. Animal Diseases : Revision of the financial instrument (90/424/EC)	<u>CVOs - preparatory work</u>	SANCO D1/04	Done (Feb 2008)
	Steering Group (scoping paper)		2nd semester 2008
	Feasibility Study (including consultation process):		
	1. Open Call for tender (Terms of reference)		1st semester 2009
	2. Launch of the study		2nd semester 2009
	3. Results		mid 2010
	Regulatory proposal (IA)		CLWP 2011
6. Feed sector : Harmonised EU framework of financial guarantees	<u>Commission Report to the Council and to the European Parliament</u>	SANCO E2	Done (August 2007)
	Steering Group to launch a consultation process		2nd semester 2008
	Consultation process		Results end 2009
	Possible Regulatory proposal depending on consultation process and IA results		CLWP 2010 (possibly)
Clearer and more risk-proportionate rules on animal by-products			
7. Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 on animal by-products	<u>Regulatory proposal (IA)</u>	SANCO D1	CLWP 2008 (June)
Community influence on international standards			
8. Improve EU coordination and promoting EU standards in the OIE on the basis on sound scientific evidence	Task force	SANCO D1	2nd semester 2008
	Policy paper (in particular budgetary and human resources implication) ==> budget mid term review 2009		1st semester 2009
9. Community membership of the OIE	Consultation with the OIE (legal framework)	SANCO D1/ Legal Service	1st semester 2009
	Proposal for a mandate from the Council and request to OIE to change their statute (enabling the EU as a legal entity to be member)	SANCO D1/ Council	2nd semester 2009
	Protocol EU/OIE (depending on modification of OIE statute)	EU/OIE	2010 (possibly)
Towards an export strategy at community level			

10 . Better prioritisation of actions against sanitary barriers and negotiating EU export conditions : locally based EU Market Access Teams	<a href="#">Market Access Strategy for European Exporter (COM 2007/183)</a>	TRADE C1/G1 SANCO D4/AGRI	Done (18/4/2007)
	Creation of Market access Working groups (set up of priorities)		2nd semester 2008

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### 3. Prevention and control

Activities	Milestones	Leadership	Orientative date for completion
<b>Supporting on farm biosecurity measures</b>			
11 .1 Development of EU Guidelines (different types of production systems and species)	Scoping paper (Stakeholders)	Stakeholders	2nd semester 2008
	defining priorities/timetable	Sanco D1/AGRI coordinat.	
	Stakeholders consultation	AH Advisory Committee	1st semester 2009
	Agreement from Commission	SANCO	1st semester 2009
	Preparation of guidelines	Stakeholders	2009 onwards
11 .2 Procedures to recognize/adopt EU guidelines	Integration of procedures into the Animal Health Law (point 4)	SANCO D1	CLWP 2010
12 . Provision of funding to finance and promote on-farm bio-security measures and training for farmers (based on the EU guidelines)	Making use of possibilities offered through the current Rural development programmes (such as investments on farms - infrastructures, training for farmers, farm advisory services, implementation of legal standards)	AGRI	2007 - 2013
	Commission services working group on the possibilities for MS to include biosecurity programmes in their national strategy	AGRI REGIO MARE	2ns semester 2008
<b>TRACES: single portal for all veterinary matters</b>			
13. Wider and integrated electronic system, with a unified database including certification, animal identification, and health and welfare status	<a href="#">"Cascais Conclusions ": State of play and perspectives</a>	SANCO D1	Done (Oct 2007)
	Creation of the import certification module (for third countries)		Done (Dec 2007)
	Integration of the third country establishment listing		Done (March 2008)
	Interoperability with the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)		1st semester 2009
	Creation of the export certification module (e.g. Russia)		1st semester 2009
	Development of web services for interoperability between TRACES and national databasis (SANREF)		2nd semester 2009
	Integration of geographical information system (GIS) related to animal transportation		1st semester 2009
	Wider Interoperated electronic		2010 - 2013

	system including RASFF, ADIS, etc... depending on results of actions 14, 15, 16 and 20		
14 . Interoperability for national identification databases	Task force (scoping paper)	SANCO D1	1st semester 2009
	Pilot phase (on voluntary basis for some Member States) ==> feasibility		2009 - 2010
	Follow up depending on results		2010 onwards
15 .1 Electronic identification (bovine)	Steering group (scoping paper)	SANCO D1	1st semester 2009
	Feasibility study - update of the IDEA project - (cost/benefit analysis)		mid 2009 - mid 2010
	Stakeholder consultation		2010
	Possible Regulatory proposal depending on study results		CLWP 2011 (possibly)
15. 2 Electronic identification (equine)	<u>Commission Regulation</u>	SANCO D1	June 2008
16 . Electronic certification to replace paper certification for movements and imports of live animals and products of animal origin	Steering group	SANCO D1	1st semester 2009
	Technical Study defining IT specifications		2nd semester 2009
	Feasibility study (cost/benefit analysis)		1st semester 2010
	Possible Regulatory proposal depending on IA results		CLWP 2011 (possibly)
Better border biosecurity			
17. Revision of import legislation : Risk-based approach to border inspections - ( targeting illegal trade) .	<u>CVOs - preparatory work</u>	SANCO D3	Done (Feb 2008)
	MS consultation - questionnaire		2nd quarter 2008
	Steering group (scoping paper)		2nd semester 2008
	Stakeholders consultation		2009
	Regulatory proposal (IA)		CLWP 2010
18. Coordination of agencies/services regulating imports (customs/veterinary services)	Report of Customs Working Group on Avian Influenza with recommendations to improve enforcement to combat emerging public and animal health risks relating to international trade.	TAXUD	Done (March 2007)
	Distribution of targetted Risk Information to Customs		2007 - onwards
	Ensure active participation of Customs administrations in the European Veterinary Week		November 2008
	Establishment of a Single Window/Single Electronic Access Point		January 2013
19. Risk management at third/neighbouring country level:	Actions and leadership to be further discussed: proposal expected from the SPS group (led by DG DEV) and subject to the agreement of other contributing DGs RELEX/DEV/ENLARG/AIDCO/TRADE/SANCO		
Surveillance			

20. Development of an Animal Diseases Information System (ADIS) : - Compatible with the OIE system - Interoperability with TRACES - Data collection based on identified key indicators - Public information	Steering group (scoping paper)	SANCO D1	2nd semester 2008
	Feasibility Study: Information system/key indicators		Results (end 2009)
	Stakeholders consultation		1st semester 2010
	Possible Regulatory proposal on implementing rules (basic principles will be included in the animal health law - action N°4)		CLWP 2011 (possibly)
21. Training support in Member States (Better Training for Safer Food programme)	Annual programme + reporting	SANCO E2	yearly
	Evaluation (impact and quality of the programme)	SANCO E2	mid 2008 - mid 2009
<b>Improvement of EU preparedness against major threats to animal health</b>			
22. Improvement of DG SANCO crisis preparedness and management (animal health)	Internal audit	SANCO 01	Done (March 2008)
	Action Plan (agreement)	SANCO Audit Committee	Done (May 2008)
	Action Plan (implementation)	SANCO D1	mid 2008 - mid 2009
23. EU Rapid response network/ crisis management/communication capacity	Steering group (Terms of Reference)	SANCO D/04	1st semester 2009
	External evaluation		mid 2009 - mid 2010
24 . Reinforcement of the necessary EU antigen/vaccine banks	Task force	SANCO D1	2nd semester 2008
	Policy paper (in particular budgetary and human resources implication) ==> budget mid term review 2009		beginning 2009

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## 4. Science, Innovation and Research

Activities	Milestones	Leadership	Orientative date for completion
25. To mobilise and coordinate scientific resources throughout the EU in order to provide scientific advice within the remit of EFSA in the area of Animal Health	Networking and collaborating with national, EU and international organizations:	EFSA/SANCO 03	
	Meetings of scientific panels		2007 - onwards
	Advisory Forum on Animal Health (creation of network)		Done (May 2008)
	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EU/international organisations:		
	MoU with ECDC		Done (April 2008)
	MoU with EMEA		Dec 2008
	MoU with JRC		Dec 2008
	Meetings with TSE and microbiological networks		yearly
	Focal point agreements with MS		Dec 2008

	Contracting scientific work (networking with national organisations): Launching of 5 projects (Art 36 founding regulation) and 18 contracts	EFSA	2008
	Scientific events to review knowledge and stimulate debate on scientific developments:	EFSA	
	Animal Welfare Risk Assessment methods workshop		November 2008
	Campylobacter colloquium		December 2008
	To develop effective collaboration on data exchange between EFSA and other relevant EU and national bodies in order to decrease time needed for delivery of scientific advice	EFSA/SANCO 03	End 2010
	To introduce an effective methodology to compare different risk assessments in order to avoid unnecessary divergence in scientific opinions between EFSA and other EU and national bodies	EFSA	End 2009
	Improvement of the methods of risk assessment in animal welfare in combination with animal diseases and food safety	EFSA	End 2012
	Defining and assessing indicators for animal welfare for food producing animals that could be used in a harmonised European monitoring system	EFSA	End 2010
26 . Evaluation of the Community Reference Laboratories in the field of animal health and live animals	Evaluation Steering group	SANCO D1/E2	Done (Jan 2008)
	Open Call for tender (Terms of reference)		April 2008
	Launch of the evaluation		Dec 2008
	Evaluation Results		2nd semester 2009
	Stakeholders consultation		1st semester 2010
	Possible Regulatory proposal depending on evaluation results		CLWP 2010 (possibly)
27 Research action plan involving the industry and other relevant stakeholders. Prioritisation of animal-related threats and will identify the "gaps" in existing control tools for surveillance, diagnosis, vaccination and treatment.	Strategic Research Agenda SRA	European Technology Platform for Global Animal Health (ETPGAH)	Done (2007)
	SRA Implementation (in close relation with action N° 3)		2007 - 2013
28 . Appropriate level of funding to implement the research action plan (public-private partnerships)	FP7- Workprogrammes	RESEARCH	2007-2013
	National research programmes/ERA-NET	Member States Private sector	
29 . Suitable framework at Community level to provide more incentives to manufacturers to develop new medicines and diagnostic tools	Proposal for a Regulation laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal	ENTR/SANCO	Done (2007)

	origin, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90		
	Discussion of policy on the use of authorised vaccines within the Animal Health Strategy	SANCO/ENTR EMA	2009
	Measures to increase knowledge on the availability of EMA Assistance to Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and applicants for Minor Uses Minor Species (MUMS) products	EMA	2008-2009
	Introduction of the "Multistrain Dossier" Concept (facilitating change and addition of strains to an existing authorisation):	ENTR/EMA	
	- Revision of Annex 1 of Directive 2001/82/EC	ENTR	2008/2009
	- Revision of the Variation Regulations (Regulations 1084 and 1085/2003)	ENTR	CLWP 2008
	- Report and possible review of the EMA fee regulation and consideration of fee incentives for vaccines used as part of the Animal Health Strategy	ENTR	2010
	- Technical guidance	EMA	2008 - 2011
30. Surveillance and control of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in zoonotic agents by the use of antibiotics in animals	Harmonised monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic agents in poultry and pigs	SANCO E2	Done (2007)
	Control programmes for reduction of Salmonella in poultry and pigs	SANCO E2	2007 -2010
	Working group on anti microbiological resistance	SANCO C3/E2	June 2008
	<a href="#"><u>EFSA opinion on Foodborne antimicrobial resistance as biological hazard</u></a>	EFSA	July 2008
	Measures and advice from Committee for Medicinal Products for veterinary Use to promote the prudent use of antimicrobials in veterinary medicines, including a reflection paper on use of 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins in food-producing animals	EMA	2008 -2011
	Conference on Veterinary aspects of Antimicrobiological Resistance	EFSA	Dec 2009
31 . Support for research in third/neighbouring countries (international cooperation), especially for exotic diseases of high relevance or for neglected zoonoses which have a serious impact on those countries	Possible Regulatory proposal to reinforce the control of foodborne antimicrobial resistance based on EFSA opinion	SANCO E2	CLWP 2009 (possibly)
	Co-ordination Group - ETPGAH (SRA)	RESEARCH/DEV	2008 - onwards
	Action Plan		1st semester 2009