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NFAHW Council update

Teleconference February 11, 2016

Council received updates on the following work areas:

Emerging Issues

1. Domestic Market Access in an Emerging Disease

The working group provided their initial report on the loss of domestic market access during PED for affected producers for early review of the Council. The report will have a full review at the March 2016 meeting of Council.

The working group was expanded to include producers, producer organizations, veterinarians, processors, CFIA, provincial CVO and transportation with experience in PED.

The next phase of the report will be to test the recommendations with other commodities to validate them.

2. CFIA “Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events”

The core working group with the addition of Dr. Julia Keenlside and Dr. Glen Duizer as knowledge experts met with CFIA staff by teleconference on January 15 to continue the review of the CFIA “Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events” which is being considered for use in identifying the role of CFIA in disease response. Seneca Valley Virus was chosen as the disease that will be used to examine the decision tool.

By following the decision tree, the group identified an issue for consideration as the tool evolves. In scenarios where the disease resembles a reportable disease, the decision tree may be a bit unclear as to the initial role of CFIA until the reportable disease is ruled out. The working group felt the tool demonstrated a desire to collaborate with partners by providing an accessible and transparent rationale for defining the CFIA roles and responsibilities. The group also agreed that the tool could be adapted for use by provinces and stakeholders in the future.

AMU/AMR

The AMU/AMR working group appreciates the input of the individuals added to ensure knowledge gaps were covered. The work of the Council will focus on the Stewardship pillar of the Federal AMR Action Plan without ignoring the Surveillance and Innovation pillars.

The draft report prepared by the working group was presented for early comments on the teleconference. A full discussion will be held at the March 3-4, 2016 meeting of Council. The report will be useful to all stakeholders of the Council and will contribute to the development of a pan-Canadian strategy.

Antimicrobial resistance is a focus of considerable work in Canada and globally. When considering stewardship, antimicrobials in Health Canada's antimicrobial classifications I, II and III are included. The primary goal is to preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobials for use in humans and animals. It is recognized that animal agriculture needs access to antimicrobials for preventative and therapeutic use to manage disease and prevent animal welfare issues. There will be a large role for awareness, education and training as changes are made.

Transport of cull dairy cows

Dr. Yanne Stojkov a PhD student at UBC has been identified by the working group to lead the development of this topic. An expert group has been identified and will meet in Ottawa on March 23-24, 2016 to begin the process of collecting data and best practices.

The NFAHW Council is composed of individuals designated or elected from the three stakeholder groups – industry, provincial/territorial government and federal government – which support the Council. Members are non-representational when working on Council. Animal health and welfare and public health are included in the Council membership. Additionally, Dr. Harpreet Kochhar sits as an ex-officio member in his role as CVO of Canada.

SAVE THE DATE

The NFAHW Council Forum 2016 will take place in Ottawa on November 28th and 29th

Council will meet in Toronto on March 3,4, 2016.

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- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*