

SPS barriers in the pig meat sector. Focus on regionalisation

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Outline presentation

- **SPS Trade barriers & EU priority countries – SPS – pork**
- **Focus on regionalization**
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EU priority countries - SPS

- Several main trading partners listed as priority for EU (COM/EU MS/ EU Business) – 20 countries in total (ARG, AU, BR, CAN, CN, IND, IDN, IR, JP, KOR, MEX, PHI, RU, KSA, SA, TR, TW, UKR, US, VN)
- pig meat included as priority market for tackling SPS measures
- Review of priority list based on need
- Focus is on priority countries but COM continues to work also on other important trading partners

EU priority countries – SPS – pork (updated 1st half 2019)

COUNTRY	ISSUE - OBJECTIVE
Argentina	Recognition by 2019 of regionalisation for animal diseases, e.g. pigs (ASF), poultry (HPAI) action: Study visit last quarter 2019
Australia	Pork: Full approval, ideally with an harmonised health certificate, of all submitted MS applications upon the satisfactory conclusion of the Mutual Recognition Project; action: Mutual recognition project on-going
Brazil	Full approval of all market access applications submitted by Member States (e.g. dairy, pork, bovine, poultry, fish and plant products), following a work plan; action: EU engaging Brazil and Mercosur context. Slow progress

EU priority countries – SPS - pork

COUNTRY	ISSUE - OBJECTIVE
Canada	Recognition of all MS meat inspection systems by 2020 , so that all MSs I get access to Canada for fresh and processed beef, pork and poultry meat Action: CETA SPS Committee February 2019. Audits in 9 MS exploring opening whole EU territory.
China	Pork: increased market access from the EU MS in 2019 including tackling BE, CZ, HU and PL ban (ASF) and long/complex/non-transparent approval procedures. Action: Seminars held in February and April 2019

EU priority countries – SPS - pork

COUNTRY	ISSUE - OBJECTIVE
Japan	Pork: lift ban on MS (ASF) and ensure recognition of EU regionalisation. Mutual recognition process. Action: Raised by Comm. Hogan May 2019
Korea	Regionalisation for ASF and AI: enhance cooperation on recognition of EU regionalisation at towards a mutual recognition project. Action: COM letter march 2019, FTA Committee April, Seminar regionalization September 2019.
Mexico	Regionalization with regard to ASF as well as HPAI (PL) Action: SPS Committee May 2019. Opening for pork meat from Netherlands in March 2019

EU priority countries – SPS - pork

COUNTRY	ISSUE - OBJECTIVE
Philippines	Continue to ensure MS pending applications for meat /meat products are finalised in 2019. Also: Country wide bans on ASF Action: Letter by three Commissioners
Russia	Follow up of the dispute settlement case in WTO on ASF and compliance

EU priority countries – SPS - pork

COUNTRY	ISSUE - OBJECTIVE
South-Africa	PRRS- Improve market access. Limited pork cuts allowed and need to be negotiated one by one. action: Continued dialogue but slow moving. Only heat-treated products from BE allowed
Taiwan	Recognition of regionalisation for Pork: (ASF) and poultry (HPAI). Continue the dialogue and identify a process, with 4 pilot Member States HPAI. action: Letter from 3 Commissioners Feb 2019
Ukraine	Regionalisation for ASF: ensure recognition 2019 action: Quarterly meetings on SPS matters, audit in Belgium June/July

SPS trade barriers

Main SPS issues for EU exports:

- Animal health conditions: non-recognition of regionalisation (now most important: **African Swine Fever**, but also classical swine fever, FMD,...)
- Measures linked to swine vesicular disease (no longer listed OIE disease)
- PRRS
- Overly lengthy, burdensome and non-transparent import procedure
- Non recognition of EU's visual inspection (*trichinella*)

REGIONALIZATION ASF: Summary

- **Different pictures**
 - **Countries with full recognition of EU regionalization: Canada, Chile, New Zealand, USA.**
 - **Countries with a partial recognition: Singapore, Ukraine, Vietnam (HU PL whole province)**
 - **No recognition of regionalisation (country-wide bans): China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico**

REGIONALIZATION ASF: JAPAN

Export of pork(CN203) – 14 EU MS export – 2018: €1252 M €

- **Lengthy and burdensome application procedures**
- **No recognition of regionalisation (e.g. PL, CZ, HU, BE)**
- **EPA context: Work towards mutual recognition of regionalisation**
- **Repeated contacts / meetings: Invitation study visit, future FPI project...but slow progress**

REGIONALIZATION ASF: JAPAN

- **Japan reluctant to accept Regionalization on ASF and insists on evaluating each MS separately**
- **Parallel: Some MS working on peace-time agreements**
- **Political involvement: Commissioner Hogan's visit May 2019**

NEEDED: TIME, DIFFERENT TOOLS AND FLEXIBILITY

NEW INITIATIVES

- **Partnership Instrument ASIA**
- **2 M €, 36 months**
- **Target countries: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Vietnam**
- **Expected kick off of activities around November 2019**
- **AGRI, SANTE, TRADE involved**

NEW INITIATIVES: PI ASIA

OBJECTIVES (Summary)

- a) Strengthen the regulatory dialogue on food safety between the EU and selected Asian governments on SPS issues;
- b) recognition of **regionalisation** measures taken by EU;
- c) Ensure the possibility of pre-listing;
- e) Strengthen the perception of the EU as one entity;

NEW INITIATIVES: PI ASIA

Main activities:

a) Expert level visits;

b) seminars;

c) Guides for applicants (e.g. how to export pork to Thailand);

Important close cooperation COM-MS-EU industry

INITIATIVES @ MULTILATERAL

Main activities:

- a) Activities at WTO level: e.g. Joint Submission G/SPS/W/311 EU-Brazil-USA on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement (Regionalization)**
- b) STCs**
- c) Presentations related to the control system in the EU, e.g. new health Law.**
- d) OIE;**

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS...

- **Taiwan approval of IT, BE and UK (BE later banned)**
- **Mexico approval of Netherlands**
- **Malaysia accepting recognition of regionalization for BE and PL....later re-imposing bans.**
- **Czech Republic HAS RECUPERATED freedom for ASF.**
- **MS as BE & HU still have freedom ASF domestic pigs-OIE**

PENDING ISSUES...

- Australia: Mutual Recognition Project, continued exchanges
- China: Significant COM investment but not moving on ASF.
- Japan: Mutual Recognition Project. Japan moving very slowly on ASF. Commissioner's Hogan visit has provided impetus
- Korea has not recognized ASF regionalization
- Mexico - Some progress on Regionalization with regard to HPAI. Not achieved for ASF.(PL, BE, RO)
- Ukraine: Regionalisation for ASF not fully agreed yet despite DCFTA (but PL exporting)

Conclusions

- SPS barriers – continued work, cases of success
- Importance of prioritisation
- Tackling SPS barriers - Importance to closely work together COM-EU-MS-business
- Regionalization for ASF remains a major challenge/high priority.

What can industry/EU MS do?

- Inform about trade barriers;
- Contribute commenting on new draft legislation in third countries;
- Participation in Market Access activities of the Commission : SPS Market Access WG for sharing the information between Commission, Member States and industry;
- Support COM with technical input and assisting in visits, trade-related activities, seminars.

