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Subject: Vaccination in herds

The Dutch presidency has made the fight against antibiotic resistance one of its priorities. The draft regulations on animal health, on medicated feed and on the marketing of veterinary products are all intended to reduce the use of antibiotics in herds, while increasing measures to prevent diseases. Vaccination is one of the methods for preventing a large number of diseases, such as colibacillosis and salmonellosis, as well as many respiratory diseases.

Given its impact on human health (ECDC, April 2015, ISBN 978-92-9193-630-4), salmonellosis is the perfect example of a case where animal vaccinations can reduce the use of antibiotics and contribute to the prevention of this major zoonosis in humans. The European aid plan for vaccination against avian salmonellosis has only been put into action in the Netherlands.

What does the Commission intend to do to promote the vaccination against salmonellosis in pig and poultry farms in order to prevent salmonellosis in humans and prevent the spread of multi-resistant strains within the framework of the fight against zoonoses (Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2444)?