

## Newsletter 8th legislature - Issue No 4/2018

Meeting of:  
Tuesday 20 March  
9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30  
Room: JAN 6Q2  
Brussels



## Highlights

### International activities on animal welfare and competitiveness of EU farmers



A representative of DG SANTE will present to AGRI Members its recent report on the impact of international animal welfare activities on the competitiveness of European livestock producers. The issue is a crucial one for EU farmers, since it is important to disseminate the EU's animal welfare rules internationally, notably among close trading partners, in order to ensure a level playing field on the market.

### Delegated acts linked to the agricultural part of the Omnibus regulation



In January 2018 the agricultural part of the "Omnibus" regulation entered into force with the aim of further simplifying the CAP to the benefit of both farmers and national authorities. It includes changes applicable to all four of the basic policy regulations. In that context, the Commission will present a set of upcoming or recently adopted delegated acts following on from the new CAP basic acts.

### Exchange of views on the Brazilian food safety system



A Commission representative from DG SANTE will present Members with information on the current situation of the Brazilian food safety system. This presentation takes place in the context of the forthcoming visit of an AGRI delegation to Brazil on 2-6 April. In addition to issues related to public health, Members are concerned with ensuring a level playing field between EU and Brazilian operators as regards food safety.

## Work in progress

### First trilogue on Medicated Feed



Medicated Feed rapporteur Clara Aguilera García (S&D, ES) will brief her colleagues on the outcome of the first trilogue on this file held on March 6. Negotiations on Medicated Feed are running in parallel with those on the Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) file - under ENVI competence - since there are important political issues linking the two.

### AGRI opinion on harnessing globalisation: trade aspects



Karin Kadenbach (S&D, AT) will open the discussion on her opinion on trade policy and harnessing globalisation, on which INTA is drawing an own initiative report in answer to a Commission communication. The INTA report is expected to focus on issues such as the development of the multilateral trading system as embodied in the WTO, future FTA partners and negotiation mandates and market access strategies.

## Vote

### European Strategy for the promotion of Protein Crops



On Tuesday morning Members will kick off the meeting with a vote on Jean Paul Denanot's (S&D, FR) own-initiative report on protein crops, for which 339 amendments had been tabled. In addition, 34 compromises were negotiated under the auspices of the rapporteur. Meanwhile the Commission is expected to publish an "EU Protein Plan" by the end of 2018.

## Next committee meetings

23 April 2018, 15.00 – 18.30

24 April 2018, 9.00 –12.30 and 14.00 – 18.00 (Brussels)

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