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**Public Hearing on**  
**"Official controls along the food chain"**  
organised by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

**Monday, 14 October 2013 from 15:00 to 18:30**  
**European Parliament, Room JAN 4Q2, Brussels**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Institutional representatives**

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- 15.00 - 15.10    Welcome and opening by the Chair Christa Klass, the Rapporteur, Mario Pirillo and the AGRI Rapporteur for opinion, Britta Reimers
- 15.10 - 15.20    Deividas Kliucinskas, Deputy Chair of the Working Party of the Council (Lithuania)
- 15.20 - 15.30    Tonio Borg, EU Commissioner for Health

**Rationale and overview of the new regime on official controls and its application in the field (chair: Mr Schnellhardt)**

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- 15.30-15.40    The current regime and the new proposal: key changes (*Dr. Eric Pondelet, Director, Safety of the food chain, DG SANCO, European Commission*)
- 15.40-15.50    Overview of the findings from audits performed in Member States (*Michael Scannell, Director, Food Veterinary Office*)
- 15.50-16.00    Shortcomings in the current legislation and need for improvements on the ground: the national perspective (*Dr. Martin Hartmann, President of the German Association of Official Veterinarians, Germany*)
- 16.00-16.10    Financing of official controls: streamlining the fees system (*Dr. Silvio Borrello, General Director, Ministry of Health, Directorate General for Hygiene, Food Safety and Nutrition, Italy*)

- 16.10 - 16.20 Overview of new enforcement actions and measures against fraud (*John Barnes, Head of local authority audit and liaison, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom*)
- 16.20-16.30 Official controls on animals and goods entering the Union - what's new? (*Dr Loic Evain, Sous-Directeur des affaires sanitaires européennes et internationales, Direction Générale de l'Alimentation, French Ministry of Agriculture, France*)
- 16.30-17.10 Open discussion, with the participation of *Clarice Lulai Angi Counsellor for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs, Mission of Canada to the European Union*

### **Impact of the proposal on the food business operators and consequences for consumers (chair: Mr Pirillo)**

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- 17.10-17.20 Impact on food business operators - meat (*Dr. Davide Calderone, CLITRAVI -Centre de Liaison des Industries transformatrices de Viandes de l'UE*)
- 17.20-17.30 Impact on food business operators - seeds and plants (*Massimo Biloni, European Seeds Association*)
- 17.30-17.40 Impact on micro-enterprises - Views of European farmers and agri-cooperatives (*Luc Peeters, Chair of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Phytosanitary Questions*)
- 17.40-17.50 More transparency for increased trust (*Ruth Veale, BEUC -The European Consumer Organisation*)
- 17.50-18:25 Open discussion
- 18.25-18.30 Closing statement by the Chair**