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Committee meeting

Monday 26 October 2020

16.45 – 18.45

Tuesday 27 October 2020

9.00 – 11.00

In visioconference

Brussels, room József Antall 2Q2



Highlights

African swine fever:

Presentation by a Commission representative (DG SANTE) on the state of play



African Swine Fever (ASF) is a viral and infectious disease that affects in Europe both domestic pigs and European wild boar. Once the virus infects them, pigs and wild boar become sick and die within a few days. The disease is currently present in eleven EU Member States. The most recent outbreak is in Germany, next to the Polish border. In reaction to this situation, major importing countries such as PR China are blocking imports of European pork. Director Bernard VAN GOTHEN, DG SANTE, in charge of crises preparedness in food, animals and plants will provide an overview of the current situation and the Commissions response.

Trade-related agricultural issues:

Exchange of views with a Commission representative (DG AGRI)



On 27 October, DG AGRI representative John CLARKE will give the Committee an overview of ongoing Trade agreements with impact on the agricultural sector, which continue being a prior element of EU Trade relationships with third countries.

Hearing

Fruits, vegetables and wine market situation – the impact of the EU measures to face the COVID-19 pandemic



The AGRI Committee is holding a Public Hearing on the “Fruits, vegetables and wine market situation – the impact of the EU measures to face the COVID-19 pandemic”. The hearing is intended to address the impact on the agricultural market of the measures implemented to tackle the pandemic. It will take place via the European Parliament’s online webstreaming platform.

Vote

Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020



Members will vote on the AGRI opinion to the Employment committee INI report “Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020”. AGRI MEPs have tabled 97 amendments to the opinion by MEP Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL). The main amendments highlight the role and importance of the CAP in encouraging generation renewal in the agricultural sector and recognize the potential of elderly people, incl. farmers, in the rural areas.

Next committee meetings

Tuesday 10 November 2020, 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

Thursday 19 November 2020, 13.45 – 15.45 (Brussels)

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