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RE: Russia - Roadmap

Dear Mr. Van Goethem,

UECBV is honoured to propose the roadmap below aiming at resuming the pork export to Russia thanks to an agreement between the EU Commission and the Russian competent authorities.

The proposed roadmap has been elaborated in close cooperation with the UECBV members who are in Paris in the framework of the OIE general meeting.

The ambition of the proposed roadmap is to be accepted as a basis for a final agreement by the EU Commission services and the Russian competent authorities.

Hoping that you will give to the proposed roadmap the most relevant follow-up,

Yours sincerely,



Jean-Luc Mériaux
Secretary General

Proposed Roadmap for the resumption of EU pork export to Russia

1. **Regionalization/Resumption** of the export of pig meat and live pigs including genetics from the EU.

As a first step (**6th June 2014**), the Member States that are not affected by ASF, including Italy apart from Sardinia, will be allowed to resume the export of pork to Russia. This means that, for the time being, the affected Member States will not be allowed to export pork to Russia.

However, a time frame with preconditions will be developed for the lifting of the restrictions for the ASF-affected Member States, except for their regions that are under EU restrictive measures.

2. **Certification/Temporary additional conditions** for resuming pig meat export from the authorized Member States.

An attestation will be attached to the current certificate, stating that *“there was no ASF during the last 36 months in the countries or zones of countries where the animal was born, raised and slaughtered which are considered as disease-free areas.”*

3. The meat and the meat products intended to be exported are produced **by authorized companies**.

4. Reopening of the Russian market **for heat-treated pig meat products from Poland and Lithuania (1st July 2014)**.

Resumption of the export of heat-treated products from Poland and Lithuania should be allowed, based on the outcomes of an inspection planned in June 2014 that will be carried out by the Russian veterinary services as already agreed.

5. In case of fulfillment of all steps described above, the **WTO procedure** would be suspended.