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Update of situation in Europe & Global

Dear Members,




During these exceptional and turbulent times, we at AnimalhealthEurope are doing our utmost to keep you, our members, informed in a concise and coordinated way of any information we believe is important and relevant for your business. Be believe that communication is essential in these times. This is why we:

- are organising weekly conference, every Thursday, with MC and CNA members – the first one took place on 19 March;
- are collecting and sharing information from National Associations;
- take part in weekly calls organised by the EMA (EU Executive Steering Group on shortages of medicines caused by major events) and are collecting relevant information as per their request;
- take part in food chain related conference calls (AFCC – AgriFoodChain Coalition and Livestock Coalition) - organised every two weeks, the first one being on 20 March;
- have initiated a special group to address pet-specific issues with our colleagues from FECAVA (small animal vets) and FEDIAF (pet food);
- are using all our social medial tools to communicate our messages;
- are gathering all we know in these New Flash publications.

Hopefully our efforts serve your objective: to provide you, public authorities and our stakeholders with clear and valuable information.

Keep safe and stay healthy,

The AnimalhealthEurope Team

 21.03	<p><u>European Commission Coronavirus response: Mobility and transport Measures</u></p> <p>The European Commission has created a website on mobility and transport measures implemented or announced by Member states. Please look at the dedicated website here if you want real time information.</p>
 23.03	<p><u>European Commission: Measures covering authorisation of export of certain PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)</u></p> <p>On 15 March, the Commission introduced export authorisation requirements for exports of personal protective equipment outside of the European Union. Today, the Commission has issued guidelines in relation to the Implementing Regulation. For further information please consult this website</p>
 23.03	<p><u>AnimalhealthEurope's message to Agri Council video conference on 25 March 2020</u></p> <p>Pekka Pesonen Copa-Cogeca Secretary General offered all AFCC associations (AgriFoodChain Coalition - of which AnimalhealthEurope is a member) to send him 3 bullet points expressing our most urgent needs related to COVID-19. He committed to add each of our concerns in his speech during the video conference and into the document he'll share to all Minsters from 27 countries ahead of the call – document that will be translated in 6 Copa-Cogeca language (French – English – German – Italian – Spanish & Polish).</p>

Below the 3 bullet points from AnimalhealthEurope.

Introduction: Animal Health products, like all other inputs are an essential part of food production.

- It is essential that all Member States, and indeed the EU, consider all animal health products “as essential goods” (i.e. vaccines, medicines, genomics, diagnostics, sensors and required tools for livestock production like animal identification materials etc.) and related services “as essential services” (veterinarians, animal health care personnel,)
- Only products from healthy animals can enter the food chain - if the continued supply of animal health products is compromised, farmers along with their veterinarians will be unable to protect farm animals against easily preventable illnesses. This means that if farmers are unable to access the animal health products they need, they will be faced not only with animal welfare issues, but this could lead very easily not only to significant food loss , but also be the trigger for major diseases spread among animals adding one more crisis to the existing ones
- Our partners from the animal medicines industry, assure us that they are working to ensure veterinary medicines continue to reach veterinarians, farmers and pet owners during this crisis, so they may provide proper care to animals, while also protecting employees and reducing the risk of further disease spread.

Conclusion: What is clear is that if we are to safeguard human health in this crisis, we cannot afford to compromise on animal health.



23.03

AnimalhealthEurope article on LinkedIn [Here](#)

- The article highlights our industry’s messages around three key topics: our focus on supporting human and animal health, our willingness to ensure continuity of supply and our call to authorities to designate our animal health products as ‘essential goods’.



21.03

EARA European Animal Research Association

Mapping the fight against Covid-19 in Europe

Researchers across Europe are in the forefront of the search for effective drugs to fight the coronavirus.

EARA has put together a map animation to display the many studies in vaccine development and basic research, plus the sources of funding needed to make it possible.

Click [here](#) for interactive map.



15.03

OIE and WVA statement

In the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) jointly draw attention to the roles and responsibilities of the veterinary profession for public health.

They highlight the specific veterinary activities which are key to ensure a continuum in food safety, disease prevention and emergency management.

You can find the statement [here](#)