

Online BTSF Conference on New Animal Health Legislation

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Introduction/ background

Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (“Animal Health Law”)¹ (AHL) was adopted in March 2016. The Regulation entered into force on 21 April 2016 and it will apply from 21 April 2021. The AHL, together with a number of more detailed rules in a form of delegated and implementing acts that are complementing it, represent a new EU legal framework for animal health.

The AHL and its complementary acts are replacing 39 existing Directives and Regulations of the European Parliament and the Council, as well as a number of Commission acts.

The AHL modernises EU animal health legislation by providing for more risk based measures, more available preventive approach, and for modern tools for the prevention and control of animal diseases with a view of ensuring safe and sustainable animal and food production, the health of EU citizens and a smooth operation of the EU single market. It clarifies the roles and responsibilities of different actors in animal health and it takes account of international standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

The principles and rules of the AHL apply to kept and wild terrestrial, aquatic and other animals, germinal products and products of animal origin. The rules laid down therein cover the following main areas:

- **prevention, control and eradication of transmissible animal diseases**, including emergency measures,
- **registration and approval of establishments** keeping animals and germinal products,
- **identification and registration and traceability** of animals and germinal products,
- **intra-Union movements** of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin,
- **entry into the Union** of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin.

The purpose of this Conference, organised under the BTSF framework, is to present an overview on the substance, the structure, the aims and objectives of this new legislation, the changes that is bringing and practical aspects related to its implementation. The conference will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views from the representatives from the European Parliament and the Council, EU Member States, non-EU countries and representatives of other stakeholders on the new rules and the challenges of its implementation.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'), OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1

Short introduction paragraph

Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (“Animal Health Law”)² (AHL) which was adopted in March 2016 and entered into force on 21 April 2016 represents, together with a number of delegated and implementing rules complementing it, a new EU animal health legal framework. This new legislation will apply from 21 April 2021.

The purpose of this BTSF training is to present the contents of the AHL and the main supplementing delegated and implementing rules. The participants should become familiar with the substance, the structure, the aims and objectives of this new legislation, the changes that is bringing and practical aspects related to its effective implementation.

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