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Oggetto: Richieste di informazioni sull'attuazione del regolamento (CE) n. 504/2008 sull'identificazione degli equidi

In riferimento ai recenti casi di frode relativi al riscontro di carne equina in prodotti commercializzati e/o etichettati come contenenti carni bovine, la Commissione europea ha proposto un Piano di azione, basato su 5 punti che è stato discusso a Bruxelles il 10 aprile u.s.

Una delle azioni previste dal Piano include specifiche misure incrementi il funzionamento dei sistemi per l'identificazione degli equidi, in attuazione del regolamento (CE) n. 504/2008.

A tale fine, la Commissione ha preparato un documento, che si allega, contenente una serie di domande per gli Stati membri, di modo da ottenere una panoramica completa dello stato di attuazione della suddetta normativa ed eventuali informazioni relative a difficoltà applicative.

Alcune domande riguardano i controlli ufficiali eseguiti, sul territorio, per verificare la conformità con le disposizioni del regolamento (CE) n. 504/2008, in merito a passaporti, registrazione dei trattamenti farmacologici, non conformità riscontrate e azioni intraprese.

In particolare, viene chiesto di trasmettere le seguenti informazioni, :

- controlli ufficiali effettuati in macello e impianti di trasformazione ai sensi del reg. (CE) n. 1069/2009 (*rendering plants*) per verificare
 - i. la validità dei passaporti;
 - ii. che i passaporti sono restituiti agli organismi emittenti dopo la morte dell'animale;
- controlli ufficiali per verificare il corretto utilizzo della registrazione dei trattamenti nella Sezione IX del passaporto da parte degli allevatori o dei veterinari;
- una copia delle procedure documentate [art. 8 del reg. (CE) n. 882/2004] contenente istruzioni per il personale che esegue i controlli dei passaporti degli equidi (inclusa l'ispezione ante-mortem);

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- per il periodo 2009-2012, i dati sul tipo e il numero di non conformità identificate durante i diversi controlli ufficiali (inclusi i numeri di equidi respinti/condannati (ante-mortem e post-mortem) quando presentati per la macellazione per il consumo umano);
- informazioni sulle azioni intraprese in caso di non conformità, incluse le sanzioni durante il periodo 2009-2012;
- informazioni sulle attività di verifica e gli audit effettuati dall'Autorità competenti per verificare l'efficacia dei controlli ufficiali suddetti, incluse le ispezioni ante-morte. **Per tale punto, viene richiesto un resoconto delle scoperte e delle misure correttive prese.**

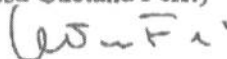
In considerazione che la data ultima di trasmissione delle suddette informazioni alla Commissione europea è fissata per il 30 aprile p.v., si chiede a codesti Assessorati di trasmettere quanto richiesto entro e non oltre il 26 aprile p.v.

Si fa presente che nella sezione statistiche della BDN sono già riportati i dati relativi alle ispezioni effettuate in allevamento per quanto riguarda gli aspetti connessi all'identificazione degli equidi, comprese le infrazioni riscontrate e le sanzioni.

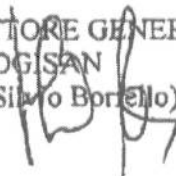
Pertanto si prega di integrare dette informazioni con quelle non registrate in BDN, specificando numero dei controlli effettuati nonché tipologia e numero di non conformità riscontrate e di sanzioni irrogate.

Si ringrazia per la fattiva collaborazione e si resta a disposizione per eventuali chiarimenti.

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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Director General

Brussels,
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Subject: Request for information on the implementation of Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 on the identification of equidae

Dear Colleague,

I refer to the 5-point Action Plan following the horsemeat scandal, which was forwarded to you in a separate letter. One of the actions in this Plan includes specific measures regarding the functioning of the EU system for the identification of equidae.

I trust you agree with me that now it is time to look into the implementation of Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 of 6 June 2008 implementing Council Directives 90/426/EEC and 90/427/EEC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae.

To this end, my services prepared a set of questions in the Annex to this letter that I would ask you to pass to the responsible services in your Member State, so that they can provide the Commission with the key information and data necessary to get a comprehensive overview of the state of implementation of that legislation and on possible enforcement difficulties.

I would be grateful if you could submit the information to Mr. B. Van Goethem by 30 April 2013 at the latest.

In addition, this issue has been added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health.

Yours sincerely,

Paola TESTORI COGGI

Cc: Permanent Representations of all Member States, Norway, Iceland, Croatia, Switzerland
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CVOs of all Member States, Norway, Iceland, Croatia, Switzerland

ANNEX

Please provide the following information in relation to the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008:

1. the total number of equidae present in the Member State; if estimations are used, please indicate on the basis of which assumptions they are made and the margin of error;
2. the number of equidae for breeding and production and of registered equidae;
3. for equidae born before 1 July 2009:
 - (a) the number of passports registered until 31 December 2009;
 - (b) the number of identification documents issued after 1 January 2010 and confirmation that all these identification documents were issued as replacement or duplicate documents in the meaning of Articles 16 and 17 of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008, and that they all indicate that the animals were not food producing animals;
4. the number of passports issued for equidae born after 1 July 2009; and confirmation that equidae which have not been identified within the deadline laid down in Article 5(6) of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 are excluded from the food chain;
5. provide details about the frequency and supply the instructions for its application and control when duplicate documents are issued in accordance with Art 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008;
6. the list of bodies authorised to issue passports in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 (please indicate separately those which are authorised to issue passports for equidae for breeding and production and those issuing passports for registered equidae);
7. whether the use of alternative marking methods is allowed; if yes, information regarding the estimated number of alternatively marked equidae and the expected level of reliability of any such method when compared with the use of electronic transponders;
8. a description of the arrangements in place to ensure the correct operation of the databases established and maintained by passport issuing bodies, in particular in cases where no central database is established;
9. if a central database is not yet established in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008, or has been discontinued, whether any consideration is being given to this option; if not, please indicate what would the obstacles to such course of action be;
10. the measures and arrangements adopted, including technical specifications, if any, aiming to prevent the falsification of passports;
11. provide data on numbers of slaughtered equidae (human consumption and non-human consumption) and on horses dispatched for slaughter to other Member States and third countries;
12. provide an analysis of the data concerning equidae certified for slaughter by the competent authorities of the Member State, compared with data on passports invalidated and returned to issuing bodies or contact points, by the slaughterhouses in the Member States of destination;

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13. information on official controls, carried out to verify compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 504/2008; this shall include information on:
 - (a) official controls carried out in slaughterhouses and rendering plants to verify
 - (i) the validity of the passports,
 - (ii) that passports are returned to issuing bodies after the death of the animal;
 - (b) official controls on the operation of passport issuing bodies,
 - (c) official controls to verify the correct use of the medication record in Section IX of the passport by keepers and veterinary surgeons;
 - (d) official controls on the issuance of duplicate and replacement passports ,
 - (e) data on residue sampling and results, in particular for prohibited substances;
14. a copy of the documented procedures (Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004) containing instructions for staff performing official controls on horse passports (including ante-mortem inspection of equidae);
15. for the period 2009-2012, data on the type and number of non-compliances identified during the different official controls (including numbers of equidae rejected/condemned (ante-mortem and post-mortem) when presented for slaughter for human consumption);
16. information on enforcement action taken in cases of non-compliances, including sanctions during the period 2009-2012;
17. information on verification activities and audits carried out by the competent authority to verify the effectiveness of official controls referred to above, including ante-mortem inspections (please provide a summary of findings and of corrective measures taken);
18. measures and arrangements put in place to ensure that the internet link to the website through which information on passport issuing bodies, central databases and contact points is made available is operational, easy to access and understandable in at least one additional widely used language.