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Dear [REDACTED]

thanks a lot for you detailed information about the meeting on 26 and 27th March 2018. As I understand, we can dived the topics discussed into three chapters:

1. Canada will participate to the **FLI SBV ring trial**. If every works excellent, results could be available end of April 2018. So there will be an decision of the Canadian authorities, if the SBV test for bovine semen fulfils the Canadian standards in terms of effectiveness and credibility.
2. **SBV transmission test** (insemination of naive heifers with SBV RNA contaminated semen): It's clever, that **CND** starts again with this item, but in my personal opinion it does not make sense. Nevertheless we will discuss it once more within the ExPla group.
3. Figures about **export of "SBV contaminated semen"** to third countries: In my personal opinion it's very complicated to get figures which are reliable in a "scientific point of view", but may be, that within the ExPla group there will be new ideas.

The next ExPla group meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th May 2018, as usual in Brussels. We will discuss this item there. May be you have the opportunity to attend at the meeting if you are in Brussels at this time.

Finally, thanks again for your support and the great personal commitment.

Best regards

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Betreff: RE: SP5 Joint management committee meeting on 26 and 27th March 2018 - SBV results

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email and apologies that I didn't reply earlier – it's been a bit hectic here.

Yes we discussed the issue well in Ottawa. They confirmed that the samples would enter Canada and that their institute would participate to the ring trial. They were expecting to have further results by the end of April and then to be in a better position to evaluate the PCR test developed by the FLI and determine whether the test would meet the Canadian standards in terms of effectiveness and credibility.

However they then started about the transmission test again, i.e. the insemination of naive heifers with SBV RNA contaminated semen. We've replied that such testing has not occurred in the EU yet and neither that there were plans to do so and that we would come to nothing if we were to wait for that. This all is not new and we've conveyed this message many times by now...

We then got to the trade that has taken place over the last years, from SBV-infected Member States to countries everywhere in the world, without any indication of spread of the virus via semen. In other words that actually transmission test alike events have taken place in the field, kind of empirically, since 2012.

It is to say that CFIA appeared to be receptive to such reasoning. Therefore, our question now to the representatives of the EU bovine semen industry would be whether it would be possible to provide trade data over the past that indeed indicate that bovine semen hasn't spread the virus to outside the EU – even when it was contaminated with SBV?

I realise that the latter condition may be difficult as I am not sure to what extend this has been registered. Would any of the companies have knowledge about seropositive bulls of which semen has been exported? And if so, to what amount? And would it be possible to determine whether any of these bulls was viremic at the moment of collection – maybe retrospectively?

Would it be possible to establish such a file of which experts would say that indeed it gives proof, sufficiently?, that practice has shown that the virus does not transmit via semen, just by analysing past trade?

No easy questions I realise, but maybe your group can think about it?

Also to say that they were referring to the US once again. So to keep in mind that any movement possibly would only happen if the US were to join too...

Pls do not hesitate to come back to me if you want to further discuss.

Best regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I hope things are going well.

Did you receive my email below from 4 April. Is there any news from Canada?

Best regards

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Betreff: SPS Joint management committee meeting on 26 and 27th March 2018 - SBV results

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you are fine and you have returned well from Canada.

Has it been possible to discuss the topic of SBV in detail in the meeting? Are there any results and / or tasks that have arisen from this.

Thank you in advance for your brief information.

Best regards

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Betreff: RE: FLI SBV ring trail 2017 - National Centre for Foreign Animal Diseases (NCFAD) got import permit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and this update, very welcome. Indeed on 26 and 27th March the EU and Canada will have an SPS Joint management committee meeting in Canada for which we have tabled SBV and the PCR-test as well, so your update is perfectly on time.

I understand from your email that the import permit has been issued so that the NCFAD now will participate to the ring trial led by the FLL. From an earlier email of [REDACTED] from June last year, I understood that Canada had participated to a previous ring trial as well, but from your email I get that this is not the case?

Anyhow the results won't be there next week, so little to discuss for the meeting I reckon. I guess we have to await the outcome of the ringtest and then see whether this has convinced CFIA that the PCR test is accurate and reliable, or whether they need further assurances in order to allow imports of semen of SBV-seropositive bulls.

However, would you or your colleagues think that there are still issues to be clarified next week, then pls let us know.

All the best, [REDACTED]

