



Activity Title and Number: EU regulations, standards and best practices to ensure the safety of agricultural products; A447-C3

Beneficiary: Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

Location and Date: Germany; 31 May-05 June 2015

Stakeholders: Artificial insemination industry, Agro-food Industry, Academic institutions

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

Since June 2011, China has implemented temporary trade restrictive measures associated to Schmallenberg disease (SBV) and is currently assessing the risk of this disease in relation to animal genetic imports, such as frozen semen from the EU. The Veterinary Bureau (MOA) has expressed interest in building its capacity on the surveillance of SBV and in understanding how SBV risk is assessed and managed in the EU member states.

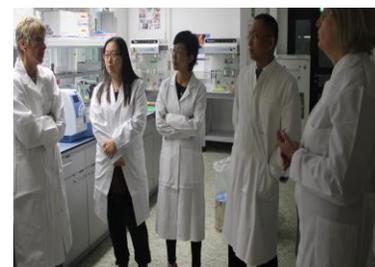
In June 2014, EUCTP II organised a study assignment to increase the capacity of the Chinese authorities in the area of risk analysis, diagnosis and surveillance of Schmallenberg disease in Denmark and France (A336C3). The activity reported herein complements previous activities aimed at supporting the harmonisation of trade related to genetic materials between China and the EU.

Activity Description

Four Chinese experts from the Ministry of Agriculture travelled to Germany to visit relevant public and private institutions to get first-hand experience in the control and prevention policies dealing with Schmallenberg disease, surveillance and standards development. The participants acquired first-hand knowledge regarding the industrial implementation of the current policies of control and prevention and the programs for surveillance and risk control for SBV in the visited member states. They also familiarised themselves with the EU member state's risk analysis associated to SBV disease.

Key elements during the study assignment were:

- current epidemiology control, surveillance and risk assessment regulatory framework related to Schmallenberg disease
- animal health status
- surveillance and disease control system
- legislation and authorization of genetic material collection centres



MOA experts assessing the sanitary management in an artificial insemination center in Germany

Results and Dissemination

The participants:

- ✓ gained first-hand knowledge about the key diagnostic procedures for Schmallenberg disease;
- ✓ understood the programs in place in Germany to enforce the measures to control and prevent SBV;
- ✓ observed the sanitary and quality control management of farms, animal health laboratories and artificial insemination centres in Germany.

The activity enhanced collaboration between relevant Chinese and EU institutions.