



**Activity Title and Number :** International Standards: The basis for policy making for animal origin products; A336-C3

**Beneficiary:** Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

**Location and Date:** France and Denmark; 02-10 June 2014

**Stakeholders:** 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, EUCTPII organised a study assignment to increase the capacity of the Chinese authorities in the area of risk analysis, diagnosis and surveillance of Schmallenberg disease.

### Activity Description

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

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 Denmark

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Participants gained first-hand knowledge about the key diagnostic procedures for Schmallenberg disease.
- ✓ The delegates understood the programs in place in Denmark and France to enforce the measures to control and prevent SBV.
- ✓ Enhanced cooperation between relevant Chinese and EU institutions aimed to exchange standards and sanitary protocols to prevent SBV.
- ✓ The participants witnessed the sanitary management of the artificial insemination centres in Denmark and France.