



Activity Title and Number: International standards for regionalization and zoning to mitigate risk during animal disease outbreaks A458-C3

Beneficiary: Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

Location and Date: Qingdao; November 9-11, 2015.

Stakeholders: Livestock producers, food industry, and Academic institutions.

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

Since 2006, the EU (DG SANCO) and China (MOA) have engaged in an annual dialogue on agriculture that takes place alternatively in Brussels and Beijing, with the most recent dialogue held in Beijing in June 2013. In the course of the dialogues, animal health and welfare and food safety continue to be a priority issue. The EU's food safety and animal health strategies are based on solid legislation and the principle that food safety starts at the farm and is maintained along the supply chain. Risk assessment is one of the EU pillars to maintain its high standards in animal origin food safety. In 2007, the Chinese Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC) of MOA, was mandated as a key national center for animal health surveillance and risk analysis. In order to fulfill its mandate, CAHEC, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the EUCTP II held a round table (A301C3) to create a platform for sustainable cooperation between CAHEC and BfR and later two seminars (A301-C3 and A383C3) to enhance CAHEC's capacity on animal and foodborne diseases risk assessment. This interactive training follows up on previous activities and builds further CAHEC's capacity on risk assessment.

Activity Description

Chinese professionals from CAHEC, three experts from the German Federal Institute for Risk Analysis (BfR) and one expert from the Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), UK, facilitated a 3-day workshop to enhance knowledge and capacity of the participants on risk during animal disease outbreaks. Twenty eight MoA officials representing thirteen Chinese provinces attended this event.

Topics covered included:

- Practical Examples of Zoonoses and Foodborne Outbreaks
- Microbiological Risk Assessment of Food
- The German Animal Disease Notification and Information Systems
- Spatiotemporal Epidemiological Models
- Risk Assessment of BSE and Schmallenberg disease in the UK
- Software Tools and their Support in Risk Assessment (AB)
- Qualitative Risk assessment on African Swine Fever



EU and Chinese experts during a interactive roundtable on risk assessment on 11 November 2015, Qingdao

Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Enhanced CAHEC's capacity to understand the principles and applied methods to assess the risk during animal disease outbreaks and foodborne diseases
- ✓ Collaboration among CAHEC, BfR and APHA was enhanced.