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Subject: Harmonization of technical rules for the registration of veterinary products. France, the most notable absentee?

Madam President,

Thank you for your letter dated February 16, 2016 and your interest in the activities of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The OIE is an intra-governmental organization of 180 member countries that has given it the mandate to improve animal health and welfare worldwide. As an international standard-setting organization according to the World Trade Organization, the OIE is responsible for ensuring the transparency of animal diseases worldwide, including those that are transmissible to humans, to publish the methods of prevention and control of these diseases as well as to ensure the safety of the world trade in animals and their products and the safety of food of animal origin as soon as they are produced. The OIE is also working on veterinary products and in particular on the harmonization of technical requirements for the registration of veterinary medicinal products through its participation in the International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH). Initiative from which it was involved from the beginning to its implementation.

The extension of the immunity duration for veterinary vaccines is a matter of records management and this is done at the level of countries or regions, in the case of the European Union for example which has set up centralized and decentralized procedures of authorization for the placing on the market of veterinary medicinal products. Although a change in one or more countries does not automatically apply to all countries where the product is registered, all the actors concerned work for a harmonization of the registrations in order to avoid the same product registered with different characteristics in different countries.

I hope that this letter has provided some answers to your questions and I would like you to accept, Madam President, my best regards.

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