Dear colleagues,

In response to the Notification to the Parties to CITES No 2023/028, I am sending for Slovakia following reply:

As Slovakia is an EU Member State, we have implemented all relevant EU legislation which deals with animal health rules. This is (or will be) covered by the reply of the European Commission.

In Slovakia we have in place Act No 39/2007 Coll. on veterinary care (https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK ZZ/2007/39/20220101 only in Slovak Language) and also implementing legislation and regulations.

Regarding additional examples of measures put in place by Slovakia, here are some of them:

The State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic publishes for every year the Veterinary Plan for the Protection of the Territory and the State (for 2022 here only in Slovak Language, point 14 https://www.mpsr.sk/download.php?bullID=654), eradication programs and emergency plans for how to proceed in the event of a disease outbreak. These are not developed for all diseases, but they are for all common and dangerous diseases. In the last Veterinary Plan also sars-Cov2 was included.

In case of every commercial movement of live animals (from and to the territory of Slovakia), a veterinary health certificate is required, where an official veterinarian confirms whether the animal is healthy. In case of new country/species combination, countries always agree on the terms of transaction and also both countries can set requirements for examination/vaccination of imported animals, according to the country's status related to a specific disease.

Kind regards

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Subject: New Notification to the Parties to CITES

The following Notification to the Parties was posted on the CITES website on 16 March 2023:

Notification to the Parties N° 2023/028:

   Risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade

The Notification can be viewed on the page below:

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