Irish Presidency of the EU 2012 - Presidency Priorities

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Core Presidency Themes

- Promoting Economic Growth
- Creating Jobs
- Improving the EU’s competitiveness
- Restoring stability
- Reach an agreement on the MFF
- External Trade Agenda, an important source of growth and jobs
Presidency 2013: Agriculture

- Common Agriculture Policy (CAP)
- Common Fisheries Policy
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)
  - Animal Health and Welfare
  - Plant Health
  - Food Safety
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New EU Animal Health Law

- Part of ‘Five-Part Package’
- Much-delayed…
- EU Animal Health Strategy – Common EU animal health policy
- Prevention of introduction and spread of animal diseases
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Objectives

• Prevention-driven and incentive-oriented
• Roles and responsibilities
• Disease categorization
• Rapid response, Emergencies
• Simplified procedures
• Flexibility
• Minimise trade disruption
Veterinary Medicines Package

• Much delayed…
• Issues:
  – Availability problems
  – Off-label use
  – Regulatory burden on industry
  – Duplication of efforts in Member States
  – Lack of a real single EU market
• Separate Proposal on Medicated Feed
Non-legislative issues

- Trade
  - USA FTA, Canada
  - Russia / Customs Union
  - South America (Mercosur)
- Schmallenberg Virus
- Mislabelling of Beef Products
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Thank You!