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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 18 AUGUST 2016
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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A.01 Update from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland on the epidemiological situation and control and surveillance measures applied as regards African swine fever in these Member States as well as preventive measures and surveillance carried out in Romania.

Poland, Latvia and Lithuania presented the epidemiological situation, data on the surveillance carried out and the measures in place for ASF. The situation in Poland was reviewed by the Committee with a focus on the measures in place for animal movements, veterinary checks and surveillance data. The Committee agreed on the need to follow closely the evolution of the epidemiological situation and adapt the measures accordingly.

A.02 Update from the Commission on the situation on lumpy skin disease.

The Commission made a presentation on lumpy skin disease (LSD) focusing on the state of play describing the epidemiological situation, the ongoing vaccination campaigns in Member States and non-EU countries, the distribution and use of the vaccine doses of the EU vaccine bank and the further actions to be undertaken. Several Member States pointed out their concerns and willingness to review the current legal framework. The Commission informed on its intention to revise current regionalization, vaccination provisions and related trade restrictions, with sustainable derogations and identification of safe commodities for trade.

A.03 Update from France on the situation on avian influenza in poultry.

The French representative made a presentation on the avian influenza situation (both HPAI and LPAI) explaining the recent outbreaks of HPAI and LPAI in ducks and poultry that are deemed to be sporadic and residual and appear to indicate that they are at the tail of the epidemic curve.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision intended to amend Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in Poland and it explained how this document was presented together with the document to be voted under point B.02 the objective of the measures was to address the changes in the epidemiological situation in Poland in a proportionate manner. These measures will need to be reviewed at the following Committees.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Union.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures relating to African swine fever in Poland and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1367 and it explained how this document was presented together with the document to be voted under point B.01 given that the measures would be complementary. This decision addressed the occurrence of outbreaks related to the human factor and providing very stringent measures as described in the existing legislation for African swine fever. These measures take also into account the tightening of the controls by the competent authority. A review of these measures will take place at the next Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.