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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
SECTION PLANT HEALTH ON
27 – 28 APRIL 2015**

Chair: Harry Arijs

A.1. Miscellaneous.

The Commission provided an overview of the outbreaks of harmful organisms reported by the Member States in the period of 20 March to 22 April 2015.

The Commission presented to the Member States the application tools to be used for the submission of 2016 Survey Programmes for pests, and the contact details for future communication between Commission and Member States on plant health survey programmes and emergency measures issues.

A.2. Presentation by France on the National Decree of 2 April 2015 concerning the prevention of introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa*, in the French territory.

The French Authorities presented the National Decree of 2 April 2015 adopted to prevent the introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the French territory. These temporary measures were taken in view of the imminent danger posed by the organism, and pending the adoption of strengthened EU emergency measures.

A.3. Presentation by Slovenia of the National Decree of 17 March 2015 concerning emergency measures to prevent the introduction and spread of Hop Stunt Viroid (HSVd) and Citrus Bark Cracking Viroid (CBCVd) in the Slovenian territory.

Postponed

A.4. Exchange of views concerning a possible amendment of the special requirements in Annex IV Part A Section II of Directive 2000/29/EC as regard the certification scheme of certain fruit plants.

Postponed

A.5. Presentation by Spain and Portugal of state of play of the presence of *Trioza erytreae* in their territories and the measures to control it.

Postponed

A.6. Presentation by the Commission of the Member States protected zones monitoring results for the presence of the relevant harmful organisms, followed by an exchange of views.

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A.7. Presentation by the Commission of the overview report of Member States monitoring results for the presence of *Pseudomonas syringae pv. actinidiae*, followed by an exchange of views.

The Commission presented the overview report. The Committee considered the results and options to be followed after the present Regulation expires in March 2016. As the results of the monitoring were found to be confirming positive trends in the control of the pest, it was agreed that the validity of the Regulation should be extended for a next period as of 1 April 2016. The Commission shall make a proposal in due course.

B.1. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2014/497/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well and Raju).

On the basis of the scientific opinion published by the European Food Safety Authority in January 2015, the audits carried out by the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office in February and November 2015 in southern Italy, as well as the views of the respective Member States, the Commission presented for exchange of views and possible opinion a draft EU Decision as regards strengthened measures to prevent the further introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The proposal requires Member States to notify new outbreaks in the EU, to carry out official surveys, and to promptly demarcate infested areas. Strict eradication measures in such areas have to be put in place, which include removal and destruction of infested plants, and all host plants within a radius of 100 m, irrespective of their health status.

The measures also provide the possibility for Italy to apply containment measures in the whole province of Lecce, where eradication is no longer possible. In this case, it is maintained the requirement to remove systematically all infected plants and to test the surrounding plants (within 100 m) in a 20 km zone adjacent to the neighbouring provinces of Brindisi and Taranto.

Imports and movement within and out of the demarcated areas in the EU of specified plants known to be susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa* worldwide will be subject to strict conditions. Lastly, considering the numerous interceptions at import, a ban is put in place on the import of *Coffea* plants for planting originating in Honduras or Costa Rica.

Vote: Favourable opinion.

- C.1. Exchange of views on a,"Projet de DÉCISION DE LA COMMISSION approuvant, au nom de l'Union européenne, la modification d'appendices de l'annexe 4 de l'accord entre la Communauté européenne et la Confédération suisse relatif aux échanges de produits agricoles" (working language of the document: French).**

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