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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 30 NOVEMBER 2015 - 01 DECEMBER 2015
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in Third Countries.

Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in that country.

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation that foresees the lifting of the last remaining import restrictions for poultry commodities from the United States of America to the EU that are still in place for the whole State of Minnesota. The last HPAI outbreak in the United States occurred on 17/6/2015 and the last outbreak in Minnesota on 5/6/2015. The United States have applied stamping out following each outbreak and carried out cleaning and disinfection. Surveillance with negative results was carried out during a three month period following the completion of cleaning and disinfection and was finalised by 15/9/2015. The United States can therefore again be considered as HPAI free and imports of poultry commodities may again be authorised from the whole territory including from the State of Minnesota.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin.

The Commission presented the draft amendment to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 following the twenty-second quarterly review of the list of imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin which are subject to coordinated reinforced checks. The Commission explained that the proposed change concern the de-listing of table grapes from Peru.

The amendment will apply as of 1 January 2016.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Mexico has carried surveillance for avian influenza and it has not detected any virus circulation of that diseases since March 2015. In order to take account the favourable disease situation in Mexico, the introduction into the Union of commodities derived from poultry, farmed feathered game, ratites and wild game birds is re-authorised with less severe specific treatment.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Mexico has carried surveillance for avian influenza and it has not detected any virus circulation of that diseases since March 2015. In order to take account the favourable disease situation in Mexico, the imports into or transit through the Union of egg products is re-authored from Mexico.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments set out in Part 1 of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the lists of third countries from which table eggs may be introduced into the Union.

The proposed amendment is intended to enable the import of table eggs into the Union as a consequence of the evaluation of their control programme for *Salmonella*. The programme was found to be equivalent with the provisions of the Union.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.