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<b>SUMMARY REPORT</b>
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**A.01 General information by third countries.**

No item raised.

**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.**

No item raised.

**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.**

This draft Implementing Regulation includes the biannual review of the list of food and feed products of non-animal origin submitted to harmonised import controls (Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 as regards temporary and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union for release for free circulation of certain goods from certain third countries and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) No 2015/175, (EU) No 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660.**

The draft Regulation was presented for the first time at a PAFF Committee, in view of a technical vote. It had been discussed extensively in the Working Group for Regulation (EC) 669/2009.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation, article by article. All Member States supported the draft. However, two Member States indicated that, given the date of transmission of the drafts, more time was needed to scrutinize the text and reserved the right to send written comments to the Commission. One Member State expressed

certain concerns that the weight limit in article 1(3) for the exclusion from the scope of the draft of certain categories of consignments was too high. One Member State stated the Commission should further provide Member States with clarifications concerning the implementing and delegated acts pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 ('OCR') which lay down provisions on official controls applicable to the area covered by this draft Regulation and in relation to the future of the provisions on designated points of import in Regulation (EC) 884/2014. Two Member States pointed out minor errors in the drafts. The Commission provided explanations and clarifications on all points raised.

Member States were informed that the draft Regulation will be published for feedback for a period of 4 weeks and will also be notified to third countries for written comments in accordance with the WTO SPS Agreement rules. The draft Regulation will be presented for a formal vote in the meeting of the PAFF Committee - Controls and Import Conditions on 24-25 September 2019.

### **Technical Agreement**

#### **B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/943 on emergency measures suspending imports of dried beans from Nigeria, as regards extending its period of application.**

The Commission reminded briefly the history of the case of dried beans imported from Nigeria. After several RASFF-alerts due to the presence of dichlorvos, a pesticide which is forbidden in the EU, the EU imposed bans in 2015 (1 year) and 2016 (3 years). In 2018, Nigeria tabled an action plan but has never been able to demonstrate that it has been implemented.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

#### **B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 577/2013 as regards the list of territories and third countries in Annex II and the model of animal health certificate for dogs, cats and ferrets set out in Annex IV.**

The Commission presented the document highlighting the need to remove Norway from the list in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 577/2013 for legal reasons, to insert the new name for North Macedonia in Part 2 of that Annex, and to adapt the animal health certificate set out in Annex IV by updating certain references to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/772 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/878, which are applicable since 1 July 2018 and concern animal health measures to control *Echinococcus multilocularis* infection in dogs.

The Commission also explained the need for a transitional period until 28 February 2020 during which the current certificates are acceptable for the non-commercial entry of pet dogs, cats and ferrets from third countries, taking into account the four months validity of the certificate set out in Annex IV.

No discussion.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing the list of animals and products subject to official controls at border control posts, including their codes from the Common Nomenclature.**

**Item withdrawn from the Agenda.**

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the procedures for a coordinated performance of intensified controls at border control posts.**

**Item withdrawn from the Agenda.**

**M.01 Information from the Commission following of HP Avian influenza outbreaks in Israel and other amendments to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 including Bosnia and Herzegovina for eggs and egg products, amending the name for the Republic of North Macedonia, etc.**

The Commission informed Member States of the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel and referred them to the Info Note send on 2/5/20109. In particular, the Commission indicated that following the confirmation of H5N8 the country can no longer certify consignments of fresh meat of poultry for import into the Union and that the competent authority of Israel has confirmed that it has immediately suspended certification of such consignments. The Commission will propose an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 to indicate the date as of when this situation applies. Taking this opportunity of the amendment to the Regulation for Israel, the Commission will propose further amendments and in particular the authorisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the import into the Union of eggs and egg products, the change of the name of the Republic of North Macedonia following the “Prespa agreement” and the addition of the Harmonised System (HS) code for enzymes in the model certificate for egg products.

Member States did not express any comments.