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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 05 MARCH 2015 - 06 MARCH 2015  
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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**A.01 Information on the issue of transport of ornamental fish, cf. application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 rules.**

The Commission presented the outcomes of an expert meeting on this subject held on 3 February 2015 aiming at solving practical problems when applying the transport regulation (Regulation 1/2005) for ornamental fish. Provisions related to certificate of approval of means of transport by road (Art. 18), handling of animals by trained personnel (art. 6(4)) and transporter authorisation (Art. 10 and 11) were discussed and found irrelevant provided that IATA instruction 51 is applicable. Concerning the duration of the journey, experts concluded that it should aim at a maximum of 24 hours with a tolerance up to 48 hours. AT, DE and IT disagreed on the approach bringing up the need to review the transport regulation. The Commission doubted on the feasibility of this revision a short/medium term and insisted on the its pragmatic alternative.

**A.02 Information concerning the inspections carried out on the requirements regarding animal welfare legislation in farms.**

The Commission presented the analysis on the inspections carried out by the Member States in 2013. The data showed that 4.2% of the holding sites were inspected and 85% were found without non-compliances. Member States were requested to send the data on the inspections carried out during 2014 no later than 30 June to the Commission by electronic means.

**A.03 Information on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in Canada, the United States of America and Israel.**

The Commission representative updated the Committee on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in the following third countries:

Canada detected eight outbreaks during February and March in turkey and broiler breeder farms in the South of the province of British Columbia. A stamping out policy is applied.

The United States of America have since the beginning of the epidemic in mid-December notified 11 HPAI outbreaks of the H5 subtype in commercial poultry in five US States. The veterinary authorities apply stamping out and movement restrictions to limit the spread of the virus.

Israel has experienced eight outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 subtype during January and March 2015. The outbreaks have been eradicated and Israel has submitted a final report that is being evaluated.

**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 on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation 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 certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in that country.**

**(SANTE/7024/2015)**

Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 lays down veterinary certification requirements for imports into and transit through the Union of poultry and poultry products which may only take place from the countries listed in the table in Part 1 of Annex I thereto. It also lays down the conditions for a third country, territory, zone to be considered as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The United States (US) is listed as a third country from which imports into the Union of commodities covered by that Regulation are authorised from certain parts of its territory depending on the presence of HPAI outbreaks. That regionalisation was recognised by previous amendments to that Regulation following outbreaks of HPAI in California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Further HPAI outbreaks in poultry flocks in the States of California, Oregon, Minnesota and Washington were confirmed during February and March 2015. The veterinary authorities of the United States immediately suspended issuing veterinary certificates for consignments intended for export to the Union from the affected States and implemented a stamping-out policy in order to control HPAI. The US further submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation and the control measures taken. Based on the evaluation of this information, as well as the commitments laid down in the Veterinary Agreement with the US and the provided guarantees it is appropriate to modify the regionalisation to cover the whole State of Minnesota and those parts of the States of California, Oregon and Washington, which the US veterinary authorities have placed under restrictions. It is further appropriate to indicate the dates when other parts of the territory where outbreaks had previously occurred may again be considered HPAI free and imports may be re-authorised from these areas.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for the United States 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 further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in that country.**

**(SANTE/7025/2015)**

Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC describes the areas of third countries for which the introduction of meat products into the Union is restricted for animal health reasons and for which regionalisation is applied. Part 2 of that Annex sets out a list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of those products into the Union is authorised, provided that they have undergone the relevant treatment, as set out in Part 4 of that Annex. The United States (US) is listed as a third country from which imports into the Union of poultry meat products obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds are authorised from certain parts of its territory depending on the presence of HPAI outbreaks. That regionalisation was recognised by several amendments to Decision 2007/777/EC following HPAI outbreaks in the States of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. From the affected areas of these States products may only be imported after being subjected to treatment "D". The US confirmed further outbreaks of HPAI of subtype H5 in poultry flocks in the States of California, Oregon and Washington. The requirement for 'treatment D' should therefore apply for meat products sourced from those areas which have now been placed under veterinary restrictions by the US. For reasons of consistency, the description of the territories in Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC should refer to the regionalisation as described in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and be applicable for the time period defined in that Annex.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**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 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 **nineteenth 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 changes concern: the **listing** of almonds from Australia, pistachios from the United States and dried apricots from Uzbekistan.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for China in the list of third countries and parts thereof**

**from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision which introduces a temporary recognition of an equine disease-free zone in the Metropolitan area of Shanghai, directly accessible from the nearby international airport, for the purposes of an equestrian event of the Global Champions Tour on 8-10 May 2015, carried out under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). The draft Decision was prepared in order to allow for a limited period of time from that part of the territory of China the re-entry into the Union of registered horses after their temporary export in accordance with the requirements of Commission Decision 93/195/EEC. Therefore the date in column 15 of the table in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC for the region CN-2 of China has been adapted as follows: 'Valid from 25 April to 25 May 2015'.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU in order to take account of the equivalence between officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds in Member States and in New Zealand and to provide form fields for the quantities of straws of semen complying with specific health requirements.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision amending provisions on imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. The amendments result from the fact that the New Zealand's tuberculosis eradication and control programme was recognised as equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programme of bovine tuberculosis carried out according to the rules defined in Annex A to Council Directive 64/432/EEC. Therefore it is necessary to indicate the information of that recognition in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which Member States shall authorise imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species, as well as in the model animal health certificate for imports of such semen. In addition amendments also relate to point I.28. of that model animal health certificate as regards the quantity of the straws of semen in the consignment.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards animal health requirements for bovine tuberculosis in the models of veterinary certificates BOV-X and BOV-Y and the entries for Israel, New Zealand and Paraguay in the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of live animals and of fresh meat is authorised.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Regulation amending provisions on introduction into the Union of live animals and of fresh meat. The amendments relate to the models of veterinary certificates for imports into the Union of bovine animals and to the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from

which the introduction into the Union of live animals is authorised. Those amendments results from the fact that the New Zealand's tuberculosis eradication and control programme was recognised as equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programme of bovine tuberculosis carried out according to the rules defined in Annex A to Council Directive 64/432/EEC. Moreover, amendments of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 were prepared in order to authorise imports into the Union of fresh meat of domestic bovine animals from Paraguay, as Paraguay provided sufficient animal health guarantees to substantiate the absence of FMD virus circulation on its territory, and to specify the territorial coverage of Israel.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards imports and transit of single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs or day-old chicks thereof.**

Item was postponed.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements as regards Bangladesh.**

The representative of the Commission presented for discussion a draft Regulation amending provisions on introduction into the Union of live ungulates. The amendment relates to the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of ungulates is authorised, by adding Bangladesh to the list. The amendments is based on a request from Cyprus, to authorise Bangladesh exclusively for a specific export of ungulates (Elephantidae) from an approved zoo and destined for an approved zoo in Cyprus. The draft was commented by the Member States.