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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 01 JUNE 2016 - 02 JUNE 2016  
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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**A.01 Updated information from Member States on imports of captive birds during 2015.**

The Commission representative informed that three Member States have reported imports of captive birds during 2015 while most other Member States did not have imported such birds. However, some information is still required to complete the report in document SANTE/7020/2016 Rev.1.

**A.02 Information about the list of the Union legislation to be approximated by the Republic of Moldova.**

The Commission presented the Decision of the EU-Republic of Moldova Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee modifying Annex XXIV-B to the Association Agreement. In accordance with the Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova, sanitary and phytosanitary measures have been applied provisionally since 1 September 2014. According to the Agreement, the Republic of Moldova submitted a list of Union *acquis* regarding sanitary, phytosanitary and animal welfare to the Commission to which it intends to approximate its domestic legislation. The list of the submitted legislation will be published in the Official Journal of the EU as an Annex to the EU-Republic of Moldova Agreement.

**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 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 Commission Implementing Regulation and explained the changes that are introduced. The measure, which shall apply from 1 July 2016:

1. simplifies the regular review of Annex I:
  - introduces a reduction in the default frequency of reviews from a quarterly to a biannual schedule;
  - adapts accordingly the frequency at which MS report to the Commission on results of controls carried out under this measure, to a biannual schedule;
2. amends for the twenty-fourth time the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls at the borders. The changes in the list are the following:
  - Listing of:
    - a) Hazelnuts – Georgia – Aflatoxins – 20% frequency of physical checks
  - De-listing of:
    - b) Dried grapes (vine fruit) – Afghanistan – Ochratoxin A
    - c) Almonds – Australia – Aflatoxins

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annexes to Decision 2007/275/EC concerning the lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC.**

The draft Implementing Decision updating the list of CN codes of living animals and products of animal origin to be subject to veterinary checks at border inspection posts when introduced into the EU from non-EU countries is reflecting changes made to the Combined Nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff, clarifications requested by Member States, adaptations with the system TRACES and recent changes in the animal by-products legislation. The Commission presented the changes introduced in the draft document following the discussion in the PAFF Committee in May and the last Expert Group on Veterinary Checks on 30 May 2016.

A discussion with several Member States followed, during which the Commission clarified that the draft serves customs and import control authorities as a list linking the CN codes used by customs with the goods, which need to be presented for veterinary import controls at border inspection posts. The draft does not serve as a document detailing import conditions, in particular import conditions on specific animal-by-products. These would need to be clarified in the Working Group on Animal-by-products.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending the model certificates for imports into the Union of meat preparations, meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as well as fresh meat of domestic solipeds set out in Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards public health requirements for residues.**

The Commission re-presented the draft SANCO/7106/2014 Rev.5 which differs from Rev.4 only as regards the transitional period dates.

Following discussion with Member States and in absence of their consensus, it was decided to postpone the vote.

**Vote postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Lebanon in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which Member States authorise imports of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision re-instating the authorisation for temporary admission, re-entry after temporary export and import into the Union of registered horses from Lebanon.

Following cases of glanders in Lebanon the Commission suspended the importation of registered horses from Lebanon by adopting Implementing Decision 2011/512/EU. In accordance with Directive 2009/156/EC, a non-EU country is eligible to export registered horses to the EU if no glanders was reported for at least 6 months. Following a request by Lebanon and since no new cases of glanders have been detected in Lebanon since 23 August 2011, it is appropriate to re-instate the authorisation for temporary admission, re-entry after temporary export and import of registered horses from Lebanon.

As all Member States agreed the draft Decision was submitted to vote.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the entry for Botswana in the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised.**

The Commission presented this draft implementing Regulation which re-authorises parts of Botswana (veterinary disease control zones 6a and 6b) for the introduction of fresh meat of certain ungulates into the Union. Those parts are already recognised by the OIE as foot and mouth disease free without vaccination. Following the favourable outcome of a Commission audit carried out in October 2015, Botswana has requested those parts to be authorised for introduction of matured and deboned fresh meat of certain domestic and wild ungulates into the Union.

#### **M.01 Veterinary border checks on consignments coming from Iceland.**

Austria inquired about the obligation to subject consignments of products of animal origin from Iceland to veterinary checks at Border Inspection Posts.

The Commission clarified that as regards fishery products, meat and meat products, dairy products and eggs, Iceland applies EU animal health and public health rules and consignments of those commodities are to be handled as they would arrive from Member States.

With regard to animal by-products, Iceland as other EEA countries, continues to apply Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, including the certification procedure, however, also such consignments are to be handled as they would have arrived from other Member States. However the Decision of the EEA Joint Committee incorporating Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 is expected to be adopted in the coming months which will achieve harmonisation of EU legislation in the EEA countries.