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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Information point on EU-UK readiness and preparedness as from 1 January 2021

No question raised at the meeting by Member States. The Commission informed the Delegations of the demand expressed formally by the United Kingdom to benefit from the derogation on Trichinella testing, which the Commission assessed favourably. The demand will be circulated to Member States.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/627 as regards uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin

The draft was proposed for vote after the technical agreement of 29 June, consultation for feedback and SPS notification. The draft introduces modifications as regard official controls in red meat and a new official method for detecting PSP toxins in bivalve molluscs. The vote took place by written procedure as some Member States expressed concerns as regards the EN method proposed by the Commission for testing PSP. Some of them would prefer to use a SOP proposed by the EURL marine biotoxins for practical reasons. The Commission prefers a reference to an EN method.

Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision extending the period of application of Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1918 concerning certain safeguard measures in relation to chronic wasting disease

The purpose of this initiative is to extend the period of application of Decision (EU) 2016/1918 for two years, i.e. from 31 December 2020 until 31 December 2022 to maintain the current safeguard measures which appear still justified by the detection of new cases of the disease in the concerned countries. The point B.02 was withdrawn from the agenda as no longer relevant since the opinion of the Committee had been received using a written procedure that ended on 1 December.

The Committee delivered its opinion through a written procedure.

Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation C(2020)9200 laying down the lists of third countries and regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Committee gave its technical agreement on the draft presented during the PAFF meeting held on 12 October 2020. The version submitted for vote has been slightly updated to take into account comments from the legal service of the Commission. The Commission presented and explained the amendments made to the text since its last presentation during the PAFF Committee of 12 October 2020. The Commission confirmed that it will regularly update the list of countries authorised for the entry of products not subject to animal health requirements (such as horse meat, meat of leporidae, snails, …), in particular with regard to the approval of their residue control programme under Decision 2011/163/EU.

The draft was submitted to vote and received a favourable opinion by unanimity of the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards prohibitions concerning animal feeding

The Commission presented the draft Commission Regulation SANTE/07266/2020, which aims at amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 on TSEs. The proposal would mainly allow the feeding of poultry with processed animal protein (PAP) derived from farmed insects and from porcine animals, the feeding of porcine animals with PAP derived from farmed insects and from poultry, and the feeding of non-ruminant farmed animals with collagen and gelatine of ruminant origin. Other minor adjustments are also proposed on this occasion.

Some Member States expressed remaining concerns, mainly over the risk that ruminant collagen and gelatine might trigger positive PCR signals; the compulsory dedication of lines to the production of pig feed or poultry feed if pig or poultry PAP are to be used; the proposed technical prohibition of the simultaneous use, for the production of pig feed, of poultry PAP, milk products and/or pig blood product.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission implementing Decision approving amendments to the national programme for the control of Salmonella in certain live animals and products of animal origin submitted by Finland and Sweden

Finland and Sweden revised their programmes for the control of Salmonella in cattle and pigs (Finland and Sweden), and in poultry (Finland). The objective of the present draft is to grant the two countries the approval of their revised Salmonella control programmes, which were presented at the working group on Food Hygiene on 22 April 2020. The Commission presented the draft approving the revised programmes of Finland and Sweden for the control of Salmonella in cattle and pigs (Finland and Sweden), and in poultry (Finland). The draft did not raised any comment from the members of the Committee.

M.01 Update on the implementation of the recently published Commission Decision 2020/1729 on monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in food

In reply to a Member State, the Commission updated the Committee on the implementation of the recently published Commission Decision 2020/1729 on monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in food. The Commission informed that EFSA technical specifications supporting the implementation of this Decision will be published before the end of 2020 and that an AMR working group will be convened during the first quarter 2021 to discuss various issues on AMR monitoring.