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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

The Commission answered a question from Ireland with regard to the development of the IT interface between TRACES and the UK systems.

A.03 Information from the Commission on the necessary corrections of sanitary groups for equine animals in Annex IV to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

Bahrain and Chile were erroneously assigned to the wrong sanitary group in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404. The purpose of the information to Member States is to follow up on the Info Note of 27 May 2021, by which Member States are invited to accept, until the list was corrected, registered horses from Bahrain and equine animals from Chile when they are accompanied by a health certificate which provides respectively the guarantees for sanitary group E in case of Bahrain and for sanitary group D in the case of Chile.

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 Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and (EU) 2020/2236 as regards references to national measures designed to limit the impact of certain diseases of aquatic animals and to lists of third countries, territories or zones for which entry into the Union of animals and goods is permitted.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation. The Commission explained that the intention is to provide precise references to legal acts, establishing lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof and provide references to national

measures concerning diseases of aquatic animals, which were not adopted at the time of adoption and publication of Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and (EU) 2020/2236. At the same time technical corrections and changes introduced in basic legislation after adoption of these two regulation were included as well.

It was explained that some other corrections, based on comments received from various sources, and which need more discussions between technical Units, including with the possible amendments of basic legislation, will be taken into account in next amendments. It was explained that it is important to adopt and published this amendment before 21 August when the transitional period ends for issuance of certificates based on legislation before 21 April. It that way to guarantee that new certificates are issued with correct and precise references to lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof and provide references to national measures concerning diseases of aquatic animals (Regulations (EU) 2021/404, 2021/405 and Decision 2021/620 accordingly).

Some Member States requested to include as well amendments based on their comments submitted earlier and asked to postpone discussions.

The Commission explained that documents with track changes were already provided to experts of the working group on official controls and agreed provide versions in track changes to help with the comparison of text during written procedure.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation, which constitutes the fourth regular review of Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on import checks on certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries, based on data on non-compliances and rapid alerts and other available information from the reference period (second half of 2020). In response to questions from Member States, the Commission clarified that comments would be considered for possible amendments to the proposed text. The Commission also indicated that the draft presented was currently still under internal consultation. The draft to be provided for the written consultation of the Committee may therefore be amended according to the outcome of these consultations, and any change with respect to the version presented in the Committee will be pointed out in a note.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.