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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 30 NOVEMBER 2017 - 01 DECEMBER 2017

(Section Controls and Import Conditions)

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A.01 General Information related to third countries.

Newcastle disease situation in Switzerland.

Switzerland provided information to delegations on the Newcastle disease outbreak, which was confirmed in a laying hen holding in the district of Lugano, close to the borders with Italy. Culling of poultry and destruction of eggs has been completed and all holdings in the protection and surveillance zones as well as contact holdings have tested negative to the disease.

The Commission will keep Member States informed on any further developments.

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 Implemeting Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the European Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised.

The draft text amends Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 in order to add the Emirate of Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates for camel milk in column "C" and Montenegro in column "A".

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 introducing protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey intended for human consumption, as regards its period of application.

The Commission presented the proposal to extend the protective measures on import of bivalve molluscs from Turkey by four years.

The Commission answered to questions on the period of extension and clarified that the measures could be abrogated before the end of the period, if Turkey corrected all the remaining deficiencies. One Member State eemphasized that laboratory tests should be carried out in the exporting country.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards health requirements for the import of used cooking oils.

The Commission explained the changes made to the draft document after having received comments from Member States and stakeholders and internally. Member States appreciated the amendments and sought further clarification on definition of UCO, channelling procedure and responsibilities of operators.

Further discussion is planned to take place in the forthcoming Working Group meeting on ABP in 2018.