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

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A.01 Information from the Commission on highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in Egypt, Israel, Mexico, the Palestinian Auton. Territories, North America and Turkey.

The Commission distributed a brief information note (SANTE/7054/2015) on the HPAI situation in these third countries and the legal situation regarding imports, as appropriate. The information provided by the US authorities was specifically addressed with regard to the different modes of spread in the different US States and the additional epidemiological data requirements.

A.02 Information from the Commission in relation to a request of South Africa for the re-authorisation of imports of certain commodities covered by Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 into the Union.

The Commission had requested additional information in relation to the South Africa's request for re-authorisation of ratite meat imports into the EU. The respective information submitted by South Africa demonstrating compliance with EU legislation and implementing recommendations on biosecurity was briefly presented by the Commission.

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 items raised.

B.02 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 Brazil, Israel, Libya and Syria in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which the imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised and

adapting Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC, 93/197/EEC accordingly for Israel, Libya and Syria.

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision amending several Decisions relating to introduction into the Union of equidae. The draft document refers to regionalisation of Brazil, clarification of the territorial coverage of the certificates for Israel and delisting of Libya and Syria. This draft Decision will allow participation of European horses to the Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil, in 2016 by recognizing an equine disease-free zone within the state of Rio de Janeiro. In addition the amendment of BR-1 region will be done in order to reflect the current animal health situation relating to glanders in Brazil. The draft Decision will also clarify the territorial coverage of Israel, as it is currently done for all legislation where this third country is listed. In addition the draft Decision will delist Libya and Syria as those countries cannot provide the guarantees in relation to animal health situation because of the lack of disease reporting to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). There were no comments from Member States.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.03 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 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 amendment to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 following the twentieth 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 increase in the frequency of physical and identity checks for coriander leaves, basil, mint, parsley, chilli peppers and okra from Viet Nam, as well as for vine leaves from Turkey; the de-listing of beans with pods from Kenya.

The amendment will enter into force as of 1 July 2015.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for South Africa 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Consultation not finalised.

Vote postponed

- B.05 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 South Africa 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza.**

Consultation not finalised.

Vote postponed

- B.06 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza following further outbreaks in that country.**

The title of this document has changed: 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza following recent outbreaks in the States of Indiana and Nebraska.**

The draft foresees the restriction of imports of poultry commodities from further two newly affected States, namely Indiana and Nebraska and regionalisation at county level for Wisconsin and Missouri. For further US States previously HPAI affected dates for the lifting of the restrictions following 3 months after cleaning and disinfections of the infected holdings are laid down.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

- B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regards to the products of animal origin imported from China.**

The revised text has been presented to the Member States.

Some Member States insisted on their request to modify the list of allowed substances and having an ESFA opinion in advance.

DG SANTE considered that the reasons which led to the adoption of the Decision 2002/994 are not applicable to feed and food additives, food supplements and feed materials, as they are highly refined.

The issue was discussed in-depth and the text was submitted for vote.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down certification rules and a model health certificate for importation into the Union of consignments of live animals and animal products from New Zealand and repealing Decision 2003/56/EC.

The Commission presented the point for discussion. Point will be put up for vote at upcoming PAFF Committee.

M.01 Information by the Czech Republic on planned imports of ungulates of Rhinocerotidae from South Africa.

The Czech Republic informed the Committee that they have approved a facility in South Africa for import of ungulates, in accordance with CR 206/2010. The Czech Republic plans to import ungulates of Rhinocerotidae. The approved facility will be published on their webpage.