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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 NOVEMBER 2014 (Section Animal Health & Welfare)

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A.01 Information from Germany on an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N8) in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania

Germany presented the chronology of the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 detected in a fattening turkey holding in Heinrichswalde, Vorpommern- Greifswald. Exhaustive epidemiological investigations are being carried out, but could so far not determine the possible source of infection. No poultry or poultry products were moved from that holding to other Länder, Member States or third countries.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the procedures for submission of applications, reports and requests for payments for the grants towards measures for the eradication of diseases listed in Annex I of Regulation (EU) N° 652/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council, for the protection against these diseases.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N8 in Germany

Following an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in Germany in a turkey fattening holding, urgent interim protection measures were adopted by the Commission on 6 September. The disease situation has now been reviewed and the control measures and the delimitation of the areas under veterinary restrictions can be confirmed.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission DECISION concerning certain protective measures with regard to confirmed occurrences of the small hive beetle in Italy

The Commission presented a draft Decision providing for measures to be applied by Italy following the detection of the small hive beetle in Calabria and subsequently in Sicily. The draft is aimed at avoiding the spread of the parasite and provides for the prohibition of movements of live bees, bumble bees and certain apiculture products outside the affected area.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.