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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 16 APRIL 2015 - 17 APRIL 2015
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information on avian influenza in South Africa.

Item postponed.

A.02 Information on a final report on highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N3 in Mexico.

Item postponed.

A.03 Information on highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel and Palestine.

Item postponed.

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.

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 Canada 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.

Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 lays down veterinary certification requirements for imports into the Union of poultry and poultry products. It also lays down the conditions for a third country, territory, zone or compartment to be considered as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Canada is listed in Part 1 of Annex I to that Regulation as being authorized for imports into the Union from certain parts of

its territory as regionalization was recognized following HPAI H5 outbreaks in the Province of British Columbia. On 8 April 2015, Canada confirmed an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N2 in poultry in the Province of Ontario. The veterinary authorities of Canada immediately suspended issuing veterinary certificates for consignments of commodities intended for export to the Union from its whole territory. Canada has also implemented a stamping-out policy in order to control HPAI and limit its spread. Following that outbreak in the Province of Ontario, Canada submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation on its territory and the measures it has taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI which has now been evaluated by the Commission. On the basis of that evaluation, as well as the commitments laid down in the Agreement and the guarantees provided by Canada, it is appropriate to limit the restrictions on imports to the HPAI infected areas in the Provinces of British Columbia and Ontario which the veterinary authorities of Canada have placed under restrictions. Canada has further reported the completion of cleaning and disinfection measures following stamping-out on holdings where outbreaks had been detected between December 2014 and February 2015 in the Province of British Columbia. It is therefore appropriate to indicate the dates when these parts of the Canadian territory may again be considered HPAI free and imports into the Union of certain poultry commodities originating from these areas should be re-authorized.

Please note: an updated version of this Document was re-submitted for vote on 21 April 2015 at the PAFF Committee on Biological Safety due to a further HPAI outbreak that required an amendment to the regionalisation in the Province of Ontario.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in TRACES.

The Commission presented the draft Decision amending approvals of several border inspection posts in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and certain changes to the list of Traces units in Italy and the Netherlands.

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 (EU) No 206/2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements as regards Bangladesh.

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Regulation amending provisions on introduction into the Union of live ungulates. The amendment relates to the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of ungulates is authorised, by adding Bangladesh to the list. The

amendments is based on a request from Cyprus, to authorise Bangladesh exclusively for a specific export of ungulates (Elephantidae) from an approved zoo and destined for an approved zoo in Cyprus. The draft was presented to discuss the revised version based on the comments received from the Member States and was not presented for voting.

Vote postponed

- B.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) no 142/2011 as regards alternative requirements for the importation into and transit through the Union of colostrum and colostrum products.**

Vote postponed

- B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards imports and transit of single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof.**

Following confirmed HPAI outbreaks and the assessment of the situation the prohibition of imports and transit the required heat treatment of poultry meat products can now be limited to Douglas county in Oregon State and to the entire State of Washington.

Vote postponed

- B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee 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 outbreaks in the States of Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas.**

The United States (US) is listed in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as a third country from which imports into and transit through the Union of the commodities covered by that Regulation are authorised from certain parts of its territory, depending on the presence of HPAI outbreaks. Following several outbreaks in the States of California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Minnesota regionalisation measures were adopted to restrict imports from infected areas, while allowing imports from non infected parts of the US territory. The US confirmed further HPAI outbreaks of subtype H5 in poultry flocks in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin and Iowa. The US veterinary authorities immediately suspended issuing veterinary certificates for consignments of commodities intended for export to the Union from the affected States. The US has also implemented a stamping-out policy in order to control HPAI and limit its spread.

The US submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation in relation to these new outbreaks and on the measures taken to prevent further spread of HPAI. On basis of the favourable outcome of the evaluation by the Commission services as well as the commitments laid down in the Agreement and the guarantees provided by the US it is appropriate to modify the prohibition on the introduction into the Union of certain commodities to cover the entire States of Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa and parts of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Montana and North Dakota, which the veterinary authorities of the United States have placed under restrictions due to the current outbreaks. Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 shall therefore be amended.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Canada 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 in that third country

Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC describes the areas of third countries for which the introduction of meat products into the Union is restricted for animal health reasons and for which regionalization is applied. Part 2 of that Annex sets out a list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of those products into the Union is authorized, provided that they have undergone the relevant treatment, as set out in Part 4 of that Annex. Canada is listed as a third country from which imports into the Union of poultry meat products obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds are authorised from certain parts of its territory depending on the presence of HPAI outbreaks. That regionalization was recognized by an amendment to Decision 2007/777/EC following HPAI outbreaks in the Province of British Columbia. From the affected areas of that Province products may only be imported after being subjected to treatment "D". Canada has confirmed another outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5 in poultry flocks in the Province of Ontario. The requirement for 'treatment D' should therefore apply for meat products sourced from the infected area which is now placed under veterinary restrictions by Canada. For reasons of consistency, the description of the territories in Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC should refer to the regionalization as described in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and be applicable for the time period defined in that Annex.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.