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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 02 MARCH 2017 - 03 MARCH 2017

(Section Controls and Import Conditions)

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A.01 General Information related to Third Countries.

No item raised.

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 Decision amending the model certificate for imports of meat preparations in Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC and the model certificate for imports of certain meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC in relation to the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

The Commission presented this draft implementing decision which will update the attestations for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the two certificates, to align with the amendments of the requirements as regards BSE, for importation into the Union of products of animal origin in Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as introduced by Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1396.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission implementing Regulation amending model of veterinary certificates BOV-X, BOV-Y, BOV and OVI in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, the model certificates GEL, COL, RCG and TCG in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2016/759 and the model certificate for composite products in

Annex I to Regulation No 28/2012 in relation to the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

The Commission presented this draft implementing decision which will update the attestations for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in those certificates, to align with the amendments of the requirements as regards BSE for, importation into the Union of live bovine animals and products of animal origin in Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as introduced by Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1396.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of their semen, ova and embryos.

The Commission presented the document in its revision 3 and explained introduced changes as compared to the version of the document presented during the PAFF Committee on 17 January 2017. These amendments are the outcome of the comments received from Member States, as well as during the 4-week stakeholders consultations which has been closed on 15 February 2017.

Some Member States provided the opinion that the procedure described in the draft Regulation for temporary admission of registered horses into the Union and for their subsequent movements within the Union, in particular the procedure for notification of those movements by using means of TRACES/ CVED, is complicated. Some other comments to the text of the document were also provided by Member States. The Commission representative informed that those comments will be reflected on and the text of the draft Regulation will be amended accordingly. Additionally Member States have requested to be provided with the draft document on the new format of the CVED which is quoted in the document SANTE/7113/2016.

The possible vote on the document is foreseen during the PAFF Committee on 6-7 April 2017.

C.02of views of the Committee draft Commission on a Implementing Decision laying down the animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for competition after temporary export to Turkmenistan, amending Annex I to Decision 93/195/EEC as regards the entry for Turkmenistan and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Turkmenistan in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised.

The Commission presented the outcome of its mission to Turkmenistan and confirmed that all the arrangements have been done by the competent authority of Turkmenistan in order to ensure that the health status of EU registered horses participating in the equestrian events of the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games taking place in Ashgabat during the period 17 to 27 September 2017 will not be compromised.

The objective of this Decision is to allow EU horses to participate in the Games and then return to the EU without problems. This is made possible since the venue in Ashgabat is situated in an equine disease free zone established for this purpose in accordance with the principles of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the participating horses will be kept separated from the local equidae population. This Decision will set out the specific animal health and certification conditions, allowing re-entry into the Union of registered horses.

The possible vote on the document is foreseen during the PAFF Committee on 6-7 April 2017.