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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK (GB).

The Commission representative clarified some aspects on certification for entry into the EU of products of animal origin in reply to a number of questions received from Member States. The Commission reminded Member States that animal health requirements for entry into the EU of products of animal origin are laid down in different acts which are applicable to such entries and pointed out that re-certification of products of animal origin by a third country different from the country where these products have been produced is not allowed when animal health guarantees apply.

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 Regulation on maintaining protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey intended for human consumption.

No objections were raised to maintain safeguard measures as regards imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey. One Member State suggested to include the possibility of introducing special treatments, in line with the OCR, for bivalve molluscs passing the testing regime unfavourably, so as to make them fit for human consumption. The Commission committed to taking the proposal into account.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning emergency measures in relation to the entry into the Union of consignments of hay and straw from third countries or territories.

Discussion postponed to the PAFF Committee in March.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending and correcting Annexes IV, XV, XVI, XVII and XXI to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the lists of third countries or territories, or zones thereof from which the entry into the Union of equine animals, meat products, casings, milk, colostrum, colostrum-based products and dairy products and aquatic animals is authorised.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation correcting an obvious mistake in the title of the second column of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, addressing an inconsistency between the risk-mitigating treatment assigned to Serbia as regards porcine animals at the list of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of pork products, under the Animal Health Law, and applicable from 21 April 2021, and the treatment referred to in Article 1, first paragraph, point (a) of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1351, repealed as from 31 December 2021; authorising entries into the Union of consignments of casings from Mongolia; addressing inconsistency between the list of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of milk, colostrum, colostrum-based products and dairy products, under the Animal Health Law, and applicable from 21 April 2021, and the list in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 605/2010, repealed as from that date; and re-establishing Parts 2 to 4 of Annex XXI to Implementing Regulation (EU), as applicable before the amendments made to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1937, unintentionally deleted by that Regulation.

There were no comments from the Member States to the draft Implementing Regulation. One Member States asked why Syria has not been proposed for listing to be authorised for the entries into the Union of casings. The Commission replied that that third country has not provided sufficient guarantees to be proposed for such listing.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision listing the following third countries eligible to export to the UE in compliance with general EU requirements for aquaculture including caviar: Belarus, Canada, China, Israel, Moldova, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Uruguay regarding aquaculture products. Two Member States requested clarifications on the wording and the sampling strategy.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex IX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the entries of Belarus, Canada, China, Israel, Moldova, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Uruguay in the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain fishery products.

The Commission presented the draft Decision Implementing Regulation amending and correcting Annex IX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 which amended the entry of the following third countries: Belarus, Canada, China, Israel, Moldova, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Uruguay in the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain fishery products, due to changes brought in the draft Commission Residue Decision (please see point B.05). No requests for the floor were raised by Member States.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.