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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 05 JULY 2016 - 06 JULY 2016
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Discussion on practical implementation of Decision 2013/426/EU (on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries) as regards disinfection of livestock vehicles.

In response to the letter of the Deputy CVO of Poland to the Commission of 7 June 2016 in relation to the practical difficulties arising from the application of Commission Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU, the Commission had invited the Polish authorities to explain their risk assessment to Member States in the framework of the PAFF Standing Committee, because any suggested exemption from the disinfection requirements for vehicles returning after delivery of day-old chickens would affect also other Member States.

During the PAFF Committee meeting the Commission requested the Polish delegation to summarize the issues for the other Member States.

Poland explained that there is intensive traffic from the EU to holdings in neighbouring non-EU countries of consignments of day-old chickens, which, to their understanding, do not represent a risk of introducing ASF upon their return to the EU as empty and disinfected vehicles.

The Commission noted the concerns of Poland, however, it drew attention to the non-negligible risk of mixed holdings for pigs and poultry, a fact considered in Council Directive 2003/85/EEC (FMD) and 2005/94/EC (AI).

The Commission also emphasized that any modification of the provisions of Decision 2013/426/EU would require the necessary evidence and detailed information on the types of trucks and their habitual state of cleansing and disinfection, in order to justify an exemption from the disinfection requirements and the checks at the borders of certain vehicles returning to the EU after they have delivered animals to a non-EU country affected by ASF.

The Polish request for an amendment of Decision 2013/426/EU was not supported by other Member States.

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 authorising a laboratory in the Republic of Korea to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

The Commission's representative presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision aiming at authorising a laboratory from the Republic of Korea to perform serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending the model certificates for imports into the Union of meat preparations, meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as well as fresh meat of domestic solipeds set out in Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards public health requirements for residues.

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission implementing regulation mending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the entry for Botswana in the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised.

The Commission proposed a draft Regulation authorising some parts of Botswana for export to the EU of de-boned and matured fresh meat from certain ungulates for the opinion of the Committee. This draft authorizes a part of Botswana for introduction of deboned and matured fresh meat of domestic and wild ungulates into the Union. Such import was suspended due to shortcomings found during a Commission audit carried out in Botswana in 2013. A recent audit has confirmed that the shortcomings that led to the suspension have been resolved.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 93/195/EEC by adding Qatar to the list of third countries from which Member States authorise the re-entry after temporary export for a period of less than 90 days of registered horses which have taken part in International Group/Grade meetings.

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision on the amendments of Decision 93/195/EEC. Those amendments relate to Qatar which is already listed in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC for the re-entry of registered horses after temporary export for a period of less than 30 days and is assigned to Sanitary Group E in that Annex and in Annex I to Decision 93/195/EEC. Lately, Qatar has qualified their races to be part of International Group/Grade meetings of high performance level that require registered horses to visit consecutively more than one of the countries already listed for this purpose, before they return to the EU within 90 days of their departure. In April 2016, Qatar provided the necessary guarantees in respect of the separation from equidae of a lower health status of registered horses from the EU which participate in International Group/Grade meetings, and requested the listing in Annex VIII to Decision 93/195/EEC along with Australia, Canada, United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

The draft Decision will be presented for vote during the PAFF Committee meeting in September.