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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 07 FEBRUARY 2017  
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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**A.01 Information on the small hive beetle situation in Italy.**

The Commission briefly summarized the small hive beetle situation in Italy, also making a reference to the 13 January meeting of an expert group with the Member States, where half a day was dedicated to the overall picture and details. Since then there were no changes in the epidemiological situation. In particular, in 2016 small hive beetle outbreaks continued in Calabria (41), while there was no outbreak in Sicily (since a single one in 2014 caused by an introduced consignment). Intensive active and passive surveillance is in place including sentinel nuclei.

**A.02 Update from Lithuania on the epidemiological situation, control and surveillance measures applied as regards African swine fever.**

Lithuania presented the epidemiological situation, data on the surveillance carried out and the measures in place for African swine fever, notably in relation to the outbreak which was confirmed on 2 January 2017 in the areas already under restriction. The situation in Lithuania was reviewed by the Committee and the changes in the epidemiological situation were noted along with the ongoing epidemiological investigations.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU by extending the period of application of the protective measures and amending the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy.**

The Commission presented the draft and the drivers behind as well as the reasoning to arrive to the proposed text including positive findings of a Commission fact findings mission on bee health in Italy. There was some discussion on some concerns expressed by certain Member States about the delisting of Sicily. The Commission

further explained the basis for this Decision and added that, elements of the intra-EU trade certificate are going to be addressed in a different Decision to be discussed in the near future.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes I and II to Commission Decision 2004/558/EC as regards the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis-free status of Luxemburg, of the Federal States Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein of Germany and of Jersey, and amending Annex II to Commission Decision 2008/185/EC as regards the eradication programme for Aujeszky's disease of the region Friuli-Venezia Giulia of Italy.**

The draft Implementing Decision was presented by the Committee for opinion to Member States.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses in certain Member States.**

Following the review of the disease evolution in the Union the Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States. Due to further outbreaks of HPAI H5N8 in concerned Member States and new outbreaks of HPAI H5N5 in Germany, these Member States have established new protection and surveillance zones around the infected holdings where control measures and restrictions on movements apply according to Directive 2005/94/EC. The current draft combines the protection and surveillance zones that have been established by the competent authorities of the Member States in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC in a single act and fixes the duration of the regionalization taking into account the epidemiology of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.**

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision intended to amend Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and explained how these measures were related to the changes in the epidemiological situation in Lithuania discussed earlier.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**M.01 Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) bilateral agreements.**

Member States were informed about the bilateral agreements between Croatia and Austria as well as between Croatia and Slovenia, in accordance with Article 4(c) of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2008 (LSD measures).

**M.02 New EURLs for diseases caused by Capripox viruses and by PPR.**

Member States were reminded to communicate to the Commission the contact details of their NRLs for diseases caused by Capripox viruses and by PPR so that the respective EURLs for these diseases (recently appointed) can organize their work for 2017.