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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the European Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised.

The Commission informed Member States that the competent authorities of Japan have requested to be authorised to export milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum based products to the Union, among other products of animal origin. From the animal health point of view, Japan is listed by the OIE as being free from foot and mouth disease without vaccination. Besides, the outcome of the recent audit carried out by the Commission's services is favourable, despite certain issues from the public health side. Taking all this into account and following the same approach applied in recent amendments of Regulation (EU) 605/2010, the Commission proposed an amendment to Annex I to that Regulation in order to include Japan in column A. This means that Japan would be allowed to import milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum based products to the Union without specific treatment for animal health reasons.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 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 entries for Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union.

The Commission informed Member States of the content of a draft implementing regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries of Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan 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 particular, the proposed amendment concerns the correction of the entry for Belarus in Part 1 of Annex I to re-introduce the authorisation for the transit of meat of poultry in accordance with Article 18(2) of the regulation, the authorisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the import into and transit through the Union of meat of poultry and the authorisation of Japan for the import into and transit through the Union of eggs and egg products.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

Poland made the following written statement:

In the opinion of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Poland, the opening of the EU market for products from third countries should be preceded by an analysis and discussion on the application by the third country of unjustified barriers to trade in relation to products originating from the EU. The Commission should review in detail the trade barriers that this country is applying to EU Member States. This process takes time, in order to streamline it and to proceed properly, draft documents submitted for voting for SCPAFF meetings should be submitted by the European Commission early enough for consideration by the EU Member States.