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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 JULY 2017
(Section *Controls and Import Conditions*)**

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A.01 General Information related to third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Exchange of views on the lists of third countries for the imports of animal by-products.

Member States presented their opinion on the necessity of additional risk mitigation measures as regards the import of unprocessed animal by-products. The Commission took note of comments and invited Member States to present technical details in a forthcoming Animal by-products working group meeting.

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 Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines is authorised.

The Commission presented this draft Implementing Decision which updates the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorized, as follows:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina, as regards authorization for transit through the Union territory of meat products of domestic bovine origin.
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as regards authorization for the imports of poultry meat products into the Union.
- Zimbabwe, as regards assigning the treatment 'D' to commodities obtained from poultry, to eliminate the risk of introduction of the HPAI virus into the Union.

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B.03 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 the United States, Zimbabwe and South Africa 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 relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The Commission presented this draft Implementing Regulation which foresees:

- the period during which the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was not considered free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) due to a confirmed outbreak of the disease and imports of meat of poultry could not have taken place;
- the re-authorization of imports of certain poultry commodities into the EU from certain counties in USA that were restricted because of outbreaks of HPAI, which have now been cleared;
- the suspension of imports of certain poultry commodities from South Africa following the confirmation of a HPAI outbreak;
- the suspension of imports of certain poultry commodities from Zimbabwe following the confirmation of a HPAI outbreak.

C.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II(E) to Decision 92/260/EEC as regards the requirements for African horse sickness of registered horses temporarily admitted from Algeria, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Turkey, and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for the United Arab Emirates 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 draft Commission Implementing Decision which adapts the requirements for pre-export isolation and testing for African horse sickness (AHS) of registered horses intended for temporary admission into the EU from Algeria, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Turkey, which have now obtained the OIE official African horse sickness free status. Additional objective of this Decision is to allow imports into the Union of ova and embryos of registered horses from the United Arab Emirates. This draft is to be presented for vote during the next Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed in September this year. One Member State requested to exclude Turkey from this proposal with regard to the reciprocity. Another Member State pointed out a possible political context with Saudi Arabia, not free of AHS, as a possible place where horses may be returned from third countries covered by this draft Decision. Both remarks will be reflected by the Commission and discussed during the next Standing Committee meeting.