



Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed
Section *Controls and Import Conditions*
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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information from Switzerland on the authorization of introduction of rhinos intended for an approved body, institute or centre from Israel to Switzerland.

Switzerland provided a brief description about the planned import and the preceding procedures in applying the relevant provisions in of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. The Commission thanked Switzerland for the information and confirmed that it will circulate in the public summary of this meeting the link provided by Switzerland to the page where they made the information publicly available on the approved body or origin: https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/en/home/import-und-export/rechts-und-vollzugsgrundlagen/listen_bewilligter_betriebe.html.

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 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Ukraine in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into and transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The Commission informed Member States on the content of a draft Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Ukraine. In particular, the Commission noted that Ukraine is authorised in Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 for the import into the Union of certain poultry commodities, including poultry meat. However, the authorisation for the import into the Union of poultry meat is currently suspended for certain areas of the country due to confirmed outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Those outbreaks of HPAI have now been cleared and the areas are considered again free of the disease. Therefore, the foreseen amendment to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 concerns the re-authorisation of imports into the Union of poultry meat from those areas of Ukraine

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

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 entry for Russia 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 Newcastle disease.

The Commission informed Member States on the content of a draft Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Russia. In particular, the Commission noted that imports of poultry meat from Russia is currently suspended due to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmed in Russia since November 2016. However, following the confirmation of outbreaks of Newcastle disease in poultry in Russia, for legal clarity it should be indicated in the Regulation that imports of poultry meat from Russia are also suspended due to outbreaks of that disease in that country.

Vote Postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2007/25/EC as regards certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza and movements of pet birds accompanying their owners into the Community, as regards its period of application.

The Commission informed Member States that the foreseen amendment to Decision 2007/25/EC concerns the prolongation of its period of application until 31/12/2020. Permanent rules for the non-commercial movement of pet birds are currently being developed in a delegated and an implementing act under Regulation (EU) No 576/2013, however, their adoption cannot be reasonably expected by the current date of application of Decision 2007/25/EC. Therefore, Decision 2007/25/EC should be prolonged until those permanent rules enter into force.

Vote Postponed

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation correcting the German language version of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive.

The document was presented to the Committee respectively.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised and amending Annex II to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines is authorised.

The Commission informed Member States on the content of a draft Implementing Regulation amending amending Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 and Parts 1 and 3 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the regionalisation of South Africa and the amendment of the name of the Republic of North Macedonia following the bilateral agreement (“Prespa agreement”) in June 2018 between Athens and Skopje.

The measures provided for in the draft are aimed at mitigating risks related to foot and mouth disease (FMD). In particular, the Commission noted that the region ZA-1 of South Africa is not authorised in Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 for the import into the Union of fresh meat from ungulates since 2011 following FMD outbreaks. It is therefore opportune for reasons of clarity to delete such region from the list of third countries in Part 1 of Annex II to that Regulation.

The same region ZA-1 of South Africa is listed in Decision 2007/777/EC for imports into the EU of certain meat products, including those obtained from meat from FMD susceptible species. For the same reasons explained above, such region should be deleted from the list of third countries in Parts 1 and 3 of Annex II to that Decision.

The amendment of the name of the Republic of North Macedonia following the bilateral agreement (“Prespa agreement”) in June 2018 between Athens and Skopje, is introduced in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.