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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 17 JANUARY 2018 - 18 JANUARY 2018
(Section *Controls and Import Conditions*)**

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A.01 General Information related to third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information from Member States on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 (Personal imports).

The Commission presented a summary of the Reports submitted by all 28 Member States (and Norway and Switzerland) with regard to Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 for the year 2016 and a comparison with the year 2015.

Member States were invited to consider how best to inform travellers (posters in departure and arrival halls of air and sea ports, websites with a travel dimension) to non-EU countries of the restrictions with regard to personal imports of meat/meat products and milk/milk products in personal luggage.

Also, particular mention was made to the major sporting event in Russia (World Cup) later this year and how additional publicity may be worthwhile for the many hundreds of thousands travelling there this summer.

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 Brazil 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 two laboratories from Brazil and two laboratories from the Russian Federation 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 Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 92/260/EEC as regards temporary admission of registered horses from certain parts of China, amending Decision 93/195/EEC as regards animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export to China, Mexico and the United States of America, and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entries for China, Mexico and Turkey 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 representative of the Commission informed about the outcome of his mission to Hong Kong and a case of glanders (*Burgholderia mallei*), which was confirmed on 13 October 2017 in a horse on the Büyükada Island, Province of Istanbul, Turkey.

The representative of the Commission also presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision which aims to:

- suspend the entry of horses from Turkey as a consequence of the occurrence of glanders, a zoonotic infectious disease in horses, in the region of Turkey authorised for exports of horses to the EU;
- allow shipment to the EU of registered horses originating in Hong Kong via the Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) in Conghua, Guangdong Province, China, where such horses had been resident during the 40 days prior to dispatch;
- authorise re-entry of the EU registered horses from China and Mexico which will participate in the equestrian events of the LG Global Champions Tour taking place in Mexico-City during the period 16 March to 16 April 2018 and in Shanghai during the period 13 April to 13 May 2018, and any such further events in those third countries.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in TRACES.

The Commission presented the draft Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC for certain changes of border inspection posts in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland and Spain and certain changes of TRACES units in Croatia.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

EU Member States have endorsed the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Decision 2011/163/EC on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by certain third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

This draft adds:

- *Andorra* (pork and pork products originating either from Member States or from third countries which are approved to export such raw material to the EU)
- *Benin and Burkina Faso* (honey)
- *Mauritius* (honey raw material originating either from Member States or from third countries)
- *San Marino* (milk)

And deletes

- *South Africa* (farmed game)
- *Zimbabwe* (aquaculture and farmed game)

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Information on epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus in Canada.

The Commission informed the Committee about a notification received from the CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) in December, on findings of EHDV in two dead wild deer that were sampled and confirmed positive for EHDV2 last year September. Due to these findings Canada has suspended the export of live ruminants to the EU, *de facto* since September, and has requested the EU to recognise its seasonally free period, from November 1 to May 15, like the EU did earlier for Bluetongue and Canada. With respect to exports of bovine semen to the EU, that are taking place under an equivalency agreement by the use of a simplified certificate, DG SANTE has informed Canada to intensify its bull testing regime in accordance with the OIE recommendations for EHDV infected countries as listed in Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630 EU. The Commission committed to keep Member States abreast of further developments. No further remarks/questions for clarification were raised.

M.02 Inaccuracies in certificates in TRACES.

The Dutch delegate with support from the German delegate highlighted problems with regard to inaccuracies in TRACES certificates for certain third countries in general and Brazil in particular. Their concerns were noted and would be further discussed in future PAFF Committee meetings should the problems persist.