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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 09 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2015
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information from the Commission in relation to the listing of dairy products establishments in Bosnia & Herzegovina following written comments made by one Member State (list Reference Number: LIST.BA.2015.0000004).

The Commission provided information on the Bosnia and Herzegovina list of milk and dairy products establishments (list Reference Number: LIST.BA.2015.0000004) following comments made by one Member State. The Commission indicated that the list, first published on 13.08.2015, will be re-published on 10.09.2015 with entry into force on the same day. One Member State (HR) noted it had made some comments available to the Commission in relation to the procedure for the publication and entry into force of the list.

DECLARATION

Republic of Croatia expresses its concern regarding the listing of the dairy establishments in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to export milk and dairy products on the EU territory.

Taking into account the findings and recommendations in the final Report of FVO audit (2014-7271), indicating that system of control of animal health and traceability of milk is not in compliance with minimum European criteria, significant deficiencies noted in the communication and coordination of implemented measures at all levels, not reliable information in the implementation of animal health control measures, not regularly kept and not reliable information within the central database of the identification and registration of animals, not established sufficient tools to ensure the effectiveness of official controls and certification process, Republic of Croatia cannot support the listing of establishments based only on the submitted Action plan.

Republic of Croatia could support listing of these establishments after FVO conducts another, targeted audit in order to verify that all recommendations stated within FVO audit report are met and implemented and corrective actions are taken.

By conducting such FVO audit European Commission would ensure minimum level of protection of European consumers the same as applies in all Members States according to the EU *acquis*.

Republic of Croatia
Ministry of Agriculture
Zagreb, 7 September 2015

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 the model certificates for imports into the Union of meat preparations, meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as well as fresh meat of domestic solipeds set out in Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards public health requirements for residues.

The certificate for the import of horse meat laid down by EU Regulation 2010/206 is amended after evaluation of the official controls in a number of third countries. Third countries that want to export horse meat to the EU do have to have similar measures for growth promoters (hormones) in place as they exist in the EU.

After long discussion the text was voted (technical vote for SPS consultation).

The Netherlands made the following official written statement:

The Netherlands welcomes and supports the Commission's proposal which is an improvement for the protection of public health in comparison to the actual situation. With regard to guarantees for welfare of horses in feedlots we expect the Commission to put this issue on the agenda for a coming working group with Canada. And that the Commission will prepare a draft that would bring the import from Canada (and possibly other third countries) in due time fully in line with the EU legislation on banned substances.

Vote postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 and implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin.

The Commission presented the draft amendment to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 following the twenty-first quarterly review of the list of imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin which are subject to coordinated reinforced checks. The Commission explained that the proposed changes concern: the listing of groundnuts and derived products from the Gambia as well as of raspberries from Serbia; the de-

listing of mint from Morocco, betel leaves from Thailand and dried grapes from Uzbekistan.

The amendment will enter into application as of 1 October 2015.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision laying down certification rules and a model health certificate for importation into the Union of consignments of live animals and of animal products from New Zealand and repealing Decision 2003/56/EC

Decision updates certification rules and revises the model health certificate for import of live animals and animal products from New Zealand in order to align to the new rules laid down in the Decision on the amendment of the annexes to the EU New Zealand Veterinary Agreement.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards imports and transit of single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof,

The draft Regulation foresees amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 on import rules for poultry and certain poultry products in order to specify which animal and public health requirements shall apply to single consignments of poultry and hatching eggs of less than 20 units. A corresponding import veterinary certificate shall be laid down.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.06 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 Canada and the United States 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 outbreaks in these countries.

Please note slight change in the title!

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 Canada and the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in these countries.

In the light of the favourable disease situation for highly pathogenic avian influenza in the US and in Canada, the draft Regulation foresees amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 in order to introduce regionalisation for imports of poultry commodities from two US States. It also lays down dates for the reopening of the EU market for imports from areas in Canada and the US that are currently under EU trade restrictions.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries or parts of the territory of third countries in which the presence of that disease is confirmed and repealing Decision 2011/78/EU.

Decision 2013/426/EU is amended to include Ukraine is included together with RF for compulsory disinfection of lorries transporting live animals and prolonging applicability of the measures until 31 December 2019 due to unfavourable ASF situation.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

C.01 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 750/2014 by extending for the second time the period of application of the protection measures in relation to porcine epidemic diarrhoea.

Implementing Regulation 750/2014 extended for second time until 31/10/16 pending EFSA opinion.

Vote taken: favourable opinion