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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 09 NOVEMBER 2015

(Section Controls and Import Conditions)

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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 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 Mexico and the United States of America, and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Mexico 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.

Equestrian events will take place in Miami, USA, from 7 to 9 April 2016, and in Mexico-City, Mexico, from 15 to 17 April 2016. Given the epidemiological situation, re-entry after temporary export of registered horses for competition and cultural events from Mexico is currently not authorised. However, it is possible and appropriate to lay down specific animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of horses mentioned above.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision repealing Decision 2008/630/EC on emergency measures applicable to crustaceans imported from Bangladesh and intended for human consumption.

The representative of DG SANTE presented the draft Decision aiming at lifting the remaining measures on crustaceans imported into the EU from Bangladesh.

Consignments are accompanied by the results of an analytical test carried out at the place of origin to ensure that they do not present a danger to human health. He justified the Commission proposal by a positive outcome of the last FVO audit carried out in April 2015 and by a non-significant number of RASFF alerts.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 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 entry for Mexico in 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 authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Mexico has carried surveillance for avian influenca and it has not detected any virus circulation of that diseases since March 2015. In order to take account of the favourable disease situation in Mexico, the introduction into the Union of commodities derived from poultry, farmed feathered game, ratites and wild game birds is re-authorised with less severe specific treatment.

Vote postponed

B.05 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 Mexico 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.

Mexico has carried surveillance for avian influence and it has not detected any virus circulation of that diseases since March 2015. In order to take account of the favourable disease situation in Mexico, the imports into or transit through the Union of egg products is re-authored from Mexico.

Vote postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Morocco.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation drawing up lists of third countries and territories from which Member States are to authorise the introduction into the Union of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption, laying down

certificates requirements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and repealing Decision 2003/812/EC.

The Commission informed about the draft in general and in particular the parts concerning animal health issues. No comments or questions were raised during the meeting. The Commission then asked the Members States to forward eventual questions or comments to the Commission within fourteen days.