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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 NOVEMBER 2014
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Presentation on the endorsement of the Standard Operating Procedures for the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed.

Following discussion, the RASFF SOPs were endorsed (version 1.4). The working instructions, once finalised will also be presented to the Committee for endorsement in a future Committee meeting.

A.02 Commission's 5-year Action Plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance - state of play.

The Commission presented an update of the Action Plan against AMR, focussing on the Actions in the Veterinary field, Research and Innovation and International Cooperation. In relation to this last Action, special emphasis was placed on the WHO Global Action Plan, AMR and collaboration with OECD.

A.03 Information on new voting rules.

No questions from MS.

A.04 Information on preliminary ruling of the Court of Justice on Mechanically Separated Meat.

No comments from MS.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), as regards Member States with BSE negligible risk status.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Regulation aligning EU rules with international standards of the OIE as regards the absence of Specified Risk Materials (SRM) removal obligation for MS with negligible BSE risk status, as already discussed in the PAFF committee meeting of 14 October 2014. In the meantime, further explanations have been given in writing. The vote was postponed to leave time for reflection and consultation within MS. The draft will be presented again for discussion and possible opinion at the next PAFF Committee meeting on 16 December 2014.

Vote postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No .../. amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Ukraine in the list of third countries from which table eggs may be introduced into the Union and approving the control programme of Ukraine for Salmonella in laying hens.

In the light of information received from Ukraine, this country is proposed to be added to the list of third countries from which table eggs may be introduced into the Union. Some Member States asked for information on the compliance with animal welfare rules in Ukraine. This draft will most probably be voted on in the Animal Health and Welfare section of the PAFF Committee in December.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), as regards bovine intestines and mesentery and the list of Specified Risk Materials.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Regulation amending the list of bovine Specified Risk Materials (SRM) based on the February 2014 EFSA opinion on BSE risk in bovine intestines and mesentery. It clarified the modifications made to the recitals compared to the previous version of the draft. Three Member States considered that more time for reflection was needed. The draft will be presented again for discussion and possible opinion at the next PAFF Committee meeting on 16 December 2014.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards model documents for food chain information and lists of approved food establishments.

A model document for food chain information for pigs was proposed and discussed. This model document harmonises the format and required information. This model

document can also be issued through TRACES. Possible vote in the next PAFF Committee meeting on 16 December 2014.

M.01 Bivalve Molluscs

The Commission asked Member States to send to the EURL for microbiological and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs data on the presence of Norovirus in live bivalve molluscs in production areas, data on outbreaks, or any other relevant data, in order to establish a database to be used in further discussions on possible legislative measures in that sector.