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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 General information related to third countries.**

No item raised.

**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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae.**

The objective of this Regulation is to incorporate before the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/659 those provisions adopted during the period from the favourable opinion by Member States until the date of application, and at the same time to amend the list of third countries and to improve the text in certain certificates. Member States had no questions nor remarks.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation imposing special conditions governing the import of certain food of non-animal origin from certain third countries due to the risks of contamination with pesticides residues, amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 885/2014.**

The draft Implementing Regulation will subject curry leaves from India, pitahaya (dragon fruit) from Vietnam and vine leaves from Turkey to special import conditions including the requirement that each consignment is accompanied by a health certificate. It repeals and replaces Implementing Regulation (EU) No 885/2014 and amends Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 that is, pending the adoption of the draft Implementing Regulation, setting import conditions on these products.

The draft Implementing Regulation also foresees derogation to the reporting obligations for Member States who register in TRACES all the Common Entry Documents issued in accordance with the Regulation. Finally, a provision regarding the notification of border rejections due to non-compliance with a maximum residue level of pesticides is introduced.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the European Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised.**

The Commission presented this draft Implementing Regulation which updates the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised, as follows:

Bosnia and Herzegovina is already on the list requiring treatment C. The proposal is to list Bosnia and Herzegovina for less stringent heat treatments, in columns A and B.

One Member State expressed reservations about the compliance with certain public health conditions. However, the Commission clarified that that amendment is made on the basis of Bosnia and Herzegovina's animal health status, which is free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease without vaccination as recognised by the OIE. Commission further clarified that Bosnia and Herzegovina should also comply with the public health requirements as contained in the hygiene package

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 as regards information to be provided in the posters to travellers and to the general public.**

The Commission presented the two new posters that are going to be added to the annex of a future Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 which contains the conditions for the introduction into the Union of personal consignments of products of animal origin. This Regulation includes the obligation for the competent authorities and transport operators to inform passengers and the general public about those conditions and in particular the prohibition to introduce milk and meat and their products from third countries to limit possible animal health risks.

**Vote Postponed**

**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 of Canada, Russia 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.**

Point was withdrawn from the agenda.

**Vote Postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex I to Decision 2006/766/EC as regards the entry for the United States of America in the list of third countries and territories from which imports of live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for human consumption are permitted.**

The Commission presented the amendment of Annex I of Decision 2006/766/EU which establishes the list of third countries from which import into the EU of certain fishery products for human consumption are permitted. The proposed amendment adds to Decision 2006/766/EU the USA (two States only: Massachusetts and Washington) to the list of third countries complying with EU import requirements following an equivalence exercise and assessment conducted by the Commission.

The final draft is foreseen to be presented for vote in the October Committee meeting. One Member State welcomed the proposal and expressed its satisfaction for the progress made so far.

**M.01 Imports of dogs from Russia.**

One Member State presented a summary of the results of its evaluations related to the compliance with the rabies vaccination requirements established in the EU legislation of imported dogs from Russia. The Member State expressed its concerns about the results indicating that a large proportion of dogs imported from Russia have no antibodies for rabies, despite being certified as vaccinated. Commission and Member States thanked the Member State for the information provided. Other Member States were invited to provide information on this matter.