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## **SUMMARY REPORT**

A.01 General information by 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 Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Ukraine in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into and transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the regionalisation of Ukraine. In particular, the draft regulation foresees the re-authorisation of imports into the Union of poultry commodities from areas no longer considered infected by HPAI and the suspension of such imports from the area of the country affected by the disease, and which the veterinary authorities of Ukraine have already placed under restrictions.

At the request of Member States, the Commission provided information on the technical information submitted by Ukraine to support the regionalisation proposal and on the discussions with Ukraine in relation to the recognition of the regionalisation of Member States. Two Member States were of the view that launching a written procedure was not appropriate for this kind of decision. Several delegations highlighted the importance of reciprocity when dealing with regionalisation of third countries following outbreaks of infectious diseases and noted in particular the lack of such reciprocity from Ukraine in relation to the regionalisation of Member States for African swine fever and other animal diseases.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.