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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 20 NOVEMBER 2014  
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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**A.01 Information from Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry.**

Representatives of the three Member States gave presentations on the disease situation on their territories.

Germany gave an update on the epidemiological investigations in relation to the HPAI H5N8 outbreak detected in a fattening turkey holding on 5.11.2014 in Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania (see agenda point A.01 of 13.11.2014.). Ongoing investigations in contact holdings and in those located in the zones under restrictions gave so far negative clinical and laboratory results. At the holding close to Lake of Galenbeck no dead wild birds were found. Samples of faeces of wild birds taken at that location proved negative for H5 and H7 viruses as did wild bird samples taken before and after the outbreak from other parts of Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania. The virus isolated in the poultry outbreak in Heinrichswalde is closely related to virus isolates from South Korea. The source of infection still unknown (wild birds?) and investigations are ongoing.

The Netherlands reported that following the confirmation on 16.11.2014 of an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in a laying hen holding in the province of Utrecht a temporary countrywide standstill of movements of poultry was implemented. Culling was performed on 16.11.2014 and cleaning and disinfection on 18.11.2014. Contact tracing was carried out as well as zoning around the outbreak. The temporary standstill was lifted on 18.11.2014.

The United Kingdom reported on an HPAI H5N8 outbreak confirmed on 18.11.2014 in an indoor commercial breeding duck holding located in the East Riding of the county of Yorkshire. Culling of poultry present on the holding was undertaken and preliminary cleaning and disinfection completed on 21.11.2014. During the ongoing epidemiological investigations also ornithological expertise was sought.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the Netherlands.**

The interim protective measures adopted by Commission Implementing Decision (SANCO/7113/2014) in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the Netherlands - concretely in the province of Utrecht (see agenda point A.01 of this report) were reviewed and confirmed by the Committee.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in the United Kingdom.**

The interim protective measures adopted by Commission Implementing Decision (SANCO/7114/2014) concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in the United Kingdom – concretely in the East Riding of the county of Yorkshire - (see agenda point A.01 of this report) were reviewed and confirmed by the Committee.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.