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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 06 MAY 2015
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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A.01 Information on a declaration from Slovenia of disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for a compartment comprising a fish farm and the stream Češnjica.

The Commission informed about a declaration from Slovenia with regard to a surveillance program for IHN and VHS concerning a compartment comprising the fish farm (SIRIB050102) and the stream Češnjica from its spring to the natural barriers. The surveillance programme proposed is in line with Model B, Table 1 B of Decision 20001/183/EC, which is a two year programme with reduced sample size (30 fish) based on systematic surveillance of the health status of this farm for the last four years. The declaration is submitted in accordance with Article 50 (1) of Directive 2006/88/EC.

A.02 Information concerning a declaration from Slovenia of disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for a compartment.

The Commission informed about a declaration from Slovenia with regard to a surveillance programme concerning compartment comprising the fish farm Soca (SIRIB100108) and the springs "Korenov izvir" and "Francelicev izvir". The surveillance programme proposed for this compartment is in line with Model B, Table 1 B of Decision 20001/183/EC, which is a two year programme with reduced sample size (30 fish) based on systematic surveillance of the health status of this farm for the last four years. The declaration is submitted in accordance with Article 50 (1) of Directive 2006/88/EC.

A.03 Information concerning a declaration from France of disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and koi herpes virus disease (KHV) for the compartment "Pisciculture de Fontenas".

The Commission informed about a declaration from France with concerning disease free status with regard to IHN, VHS and KHV for a compartment comprising the fish farm Pisciculture de Fontenas situated in Auvergne in Puy de Dôme. The declaration of disease free status for IHN and VHS is based on two years of targeted surveillance following four years of systematic surveillance of the health status of the farm, and the declaration of disease free status for KHV is based on the absence of susceptible species to that disease in the farm and the water supply source. The declaration is submitted in accordance with Article 50(1) of Directive 2006/88/EC.

Link to the declarations presented will be found on the SANCO WEB page under the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations_en.htm

A.04 Information from Italy on the small hive beetle (SHB) situation.

Latest results of the Italian SHB surveillance after it has been stopped for the winter but resumed in April 2015 well presented by Italy. It is still unclear if and how far the parasite will spread in the coming months from the areas where it occurred last year (parts of Calabria and Sicily). Currently the situation looks stable, although some more surveillance will be needed in the next months to understand how the situation is evolving.

A.05 Bluetongue control strategy in Hungary and in Romania.

Review of the situation taking into account the likely recrudescence in the next months done.

A.06 Information from Spain, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and the UK on the results of the implementation of the tuberculosis eradication programmes in 2014.

Ireland, Croatia, Portugal and Spain presented the results of the implementation of the bovine tuberculosis eradication programmes in 2014. Italy and the UK postponed their presentation to the following Committee in June. The 2014 trend in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis is favourable in Ireland and in Croatia, but is unfavourable in Spain and Portugal compared to 2013. The Commission recommended to those Member States to follow closely the correct implementation of the programme in particular in the regions with the highest prevalence and to reinforce measures in the incoming 2016 programmes to accelerate the eradication.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Union.

A text introducing a minor amendment to regionalization for African swine fever in Estiona, due to a recent case in the wild boar, was supported by Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation temporarily suspending imports of dried beans from Nigeria and amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009.

The Commission introduced the draft and presented its contents.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides for the prohibition of the importation into the Union of dried beans originating from Nigeria, following the observation of a continued high frequency of non-compliance with food law requirements, and repeatedly at levels presenting a serious risk for human health.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

B.03 Exchange of view and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU by extending the period of application of the protection measures in relation to the small hive beetle in Italy.

Current Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU is applicable until 31 May 2015 and needs to be prolonged until November 2015.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving a preventive vaccination plan against low pathogenic avian influenza in a holding keeping mallard ducks in Portugal and certain provisions for their movements and products thereof.

To approve a vaccination programme in a holding producing mallards to be released in the wild that in the past suffered repeated LPAI outbreaks.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes XI, XII and XV to Council Directive 2003/85/EC as regards the list of and minimum security standards applicable to laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus.

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision amending Annexes XI, XII and XV to Council Directive 2003/85/EC. The amendments result from the outcome of series of FVO audits in Member States on bio-security in laboratories and establishments authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus. The amendments relate to the update of lists of laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus, of a list of tasks and duties of national laboratories and of a reference to the latest international biosecurity standards.

MSs were requested to provide the Commission with missing information in relation to the list of laboratories set out in Part A of Annex XI to Council Directive

2003/85/EC. The draft Decision will be presented for vote as soon as all required information will be provided by Member States and the list will be completed, as well as consultation with legal service will be finished.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex I to Decision 2009/177/EC as regards disease free status for the whole territory of Croatia for koi herpes virus (KHV) disease.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision for amending Annex I to Decision 2009/88/EC as regards disease free status for the whole territory of Croatia for KHV. The draft proposal is a following up of the Croatian declaration of disease free status for KHV presented to the Committee 13 January 2015. The Commission stated that unless substantial comments from the Member States to this item are received within two weeks from this meeting, the Commission will go with the necessary procedures to finalise the draft for the presentation for voting.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of the amendment of the work programme 2015 and the adoption of a work programme and financing for 2016 in the food and feed area.

The Commission presented draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of the amendment of the work programme 2015 and the adoption of a work programme and financing for 2016 in the food and feed area. This Decision updates the 2015 work program for the food and feed area with newly identified actions and adopts the work program for the food and feed area for the first half of 2016. It also allows financing for the work programmes. The Commission presented the work programmes in detail in anticipation of a vote in an upcoming Committee.