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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information received from Member States on imports of certain birds into the Union in accordance with Art. 17 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 139/2013.

Member States were given an update on the situation regarding reporting for 2017 and also received the latest update on the list of approved breeding establishments in third countries.

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 (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 competent authorities of Japan have requested the Commission to be authorised to export milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum based products to the Union, among other products of animal origin. From the animal health point of view and in view of the favourable outcome of the recent audit, Japan is listed by the OIE as being free from foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination. Taking all this into account and following the same approach applied in recent amendments of Regulation (EU) 605/2010, the Commission proposed an amendment to Annex I to that Regulation in order to include Japan in column A.

Vote Postponed

B.03 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 for Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union.

The Commission informed Member States of the content of a draft implementing regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries of Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan 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 particular, the proposed amendment concerns the correction of the entry for Belarus in Part 1 of Annex I to re-introduce the authorisation for the transit of meat of poultry in accordance with Article 18(2) of the regulation, the authorisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the import into and transit through the Union of meat of poultry and the authorisation of Japan for the import into and transit through the Union of eggs and egg products.

Vote Postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the standard model form to be used in the annual reports submitted by Member States.

After presenting the purpose of the Annual Reports and of the standard model form, the draft was discussed in more detail. Several Member States, although not against the draft itself, raised a few concerns. In particular: the perceived obligation to use NACE codes for classifying registered operators/establishments when reporting official controls; the need to avoid multiple reporting and the possibility to have some degree of flexibility when information and data cannot yet be submitted in accordance with the proposed standard model form.

Member States were asked to send written comments (one week deadline) and a revised version of the draft will be presented at the next PAFF in February.

Vote Postponed

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

Withdrawn from the Agenda.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the list of territories and third countries authorised for imports into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets and the model animal health certificate for such imports.

This draft Decision updates a reference to the list of third countries and parts of the territory of third countries as Decision 2004/211/EC was repealed and replaced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on 1 October 2018. It also clarifies that the import of dogs, cats and ferrets from third countries listed in that

Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 should be authorised only if the third country concerned is listed without time limit indicated in column 16 of Annex I to that Regulation. This draft Decision also updates the model animal health certificate required for such imports.

Some Member States raised the issue of non-commercial movement of pets, in particular the aspect of maximum five animals which may accompany the owner. The Commission informed that this subject will be discussed later, in the framework of expert and working group meetings for the purpose of delegated and implementing acts to replace Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 before 2026.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Libya and amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/675.

This draft Decision extends the geographical scope and the duration of the protection measures provided in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/675, regarding cleansing and disinfection of livestock vehicles and vessels from Algeria and Tunisia adopted following outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in both countries. The notification of foot-and-mouth outbreaks by Libya and Morocco, the unclear situation of the disease in these countries and the notification of further outbreaks by Algeria and Tunisia lead to amend this draft Decision to reduce the risk of introduction of the disease into the Union through means of animal transport from those countries.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Information on Newcastle disease in the USA.

The Commission informed Member States that since September 2018 the competent authority of the U.S. has confirmed a total of four outbreaks of Newcastle Disease in poultry establishments. Particular reference was made to the communication sent to Member States on 28/9/2018 in relation to the confirmation of the first outbreak, where the specific conditions applicable to the U.S. in relation to the imports of live poultry and poultry commodities following an outbreak of the disease were explained.