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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2018
(Section *Plant Health*)**

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A.01 Presentation by the Commission on the findings of the audit from 4 to 15 June 2018 in Canada to evaluate the system of official controls of wood intended for export to the European Union.

Postponed .

A.02 Exchange of views on a possible prolongation of Decision (EU) 2016/412 relating to the derogation for import requirements for ash wood from Canada.

Postponed .

A.03 Exchange of views on the review of the special requirements against the introduction of *Agrilus planipennis* in relation to the import of some wood species including *Fraxinus*.

Postponed .

A.04 Results of the Commission Working Group meeting on reduced frequency of import inspections in 2018, followed by an exchange of views and possible approval of the minimum reduced frequencies for 2019.

The Commission presented a draft on the reduced frequencies of import inspections of specified commodity/origin trades for 2019. Due to the lack of time, the discussion on the draft and its possible approval by the Committee shall take place in its forthcoming meeting in October.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation provisionally listing high risk plants, plant products or other objects within the meaning of Article 42 and plants for which phytosanitary certificates are not required within the meaning of Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

The Committee gave its technical agreement to the draft text presented by the Commission for the listing of 35 woody plants for planting, one plant species, one wood species and one fruit as high risk plants within the meaning of Article 42 and 5 fruits for which phytosanitary certificates are not required within the meaning of Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031. The Commission indicated that the draft Commission Implementing Regulation will be notified to WTO-SPS for a 60-day commenting period. Vote will take place after this consultation period, together with the technical agreement on the next modification of the Annexes (mentioned under agenda item C.01) and the vote on the draft on rules on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls (mentioned under C.02).

Technical agreement with qualified majority.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Annexes I to V of Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community.

The Commission presented an updated draft text which takes into account the comments received from Member States. Additional requirements for import of fruits have been included aiming at an increase of the phytosanitary protection of the EU in relation to the fruit commodities.

The feedback from the delegations was discussed in detail and a new version of the draft will be discussed in a future meeting.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on rules on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on plants, plant products and other objects and authorised operators in order to verify compliance with the plant health legislation.

The Commission presented an updated draft text on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on plants, plant products and other objects and authorised operators in order to verify compliance with the plant health legislation. The inclusion of some uniform import control rules regarding plants under article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 was discussed. Member States provided inputs on internal rules for authorized operators for an updated version of the draft. A stakeholders' consultation will be launched.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down specific rules concerning the procedure to be followed in order to carry out the risk assessment of high risk plants, plant products and other objects within the meaning of Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

Postponed.

M.01 Brazil

The Commission informed about bilateral contacts with Brazil in relation to 8 interceptions of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (citrus black spot) on citrus fruits, who announced the suspension of the production units related with the interceptions and the intensification of the controls, and of the letter sent on 19 September. The Commission informed that the interceptions will be followed up closely and appropriate measures will be taken if necessary.