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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information from Cyprus on the introduction into the Union from South Africa of certain ungulates intended for approved bodes, institutes or centres.

Cyprus informed the Commission and the Member States about the details of the planned import, including the number and species of animals concerned, and that there will be no transit through other Member States and including all the elements proving compliance of this import with the relevant legislation. The Commission advised Member States in general about the potential risks for such imports and emphasised the importance of full compliance with the rules and even extra care, citing a recent shipment between two third countries, which resulted in an outbreak. The establishment approved by Cyprus in South Africa has been made public on the following

http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/vs/vs.nsf/All/B86EF048775C918DC225771800237A36/\$file/eng_list%20of%20approved%20establishments_2020.pdf.

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 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.

The Commission presented the 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. There were no objections from Member States, nor comments. This draft included the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina: aquaculture (only finfish); Botswana: equine and farmed game removed; Iran: aquaculture (only crustaceans); Myanmar: honey; New Caledonia: cattle and wild game removed; Sierra Leone: poultry added.

Vote Postponed: Vote will be taken by written consultation.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 as regards the use of electronic documentation and the period of application.

The purpose of this draft Regulation is to prolong the measure allowing Member States to use specific tools for official controls in view of COVID-19 for another two months. In addition, the modalities for use of electronic documentation in the context of such controls are clarified. The Commission presented the draft Regulation and clarified that it submits to prolong the period of application for two months; the situation will be kept under review.

Vote Postponed: Vote will be taken by written consultation.