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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 03 MAY 2016 - 04 MAY 2016
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information from Member States on imports of captive birds during 2015.

The Commission representative informed on the state of play of collecting information based on the obligation to inform on imports of birds other than poultry according to Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EU) 139/2013. An overview document SANTE/7020/2016 with the information received so far was distributed. Member States were requested to provide for the missing information before the next meeting of this Committee.

A.02 Information from the Commission on highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in Mexico.

The Commission representative gave an update of the HPAI H7N3 situation in Mexico highlighting that following few outbreaks during 2015 mainly in backyard farms, more than 20 outbreaks have been reported so far in 2016. In addition to laying hen farms, also broilers and breeders are affected. According to its reports Mexico applies a stamping out policy and active and passive surveillance for the detection of that virus. At this point vaccination is not applied. The virus was also found in a few wild birds. The Mexican authorities have been requested for more information on the epidemic.

A.03 Information about the list of the Union legislation to be approximated by the Republic of Moldova.

Point withdrawn from this Agenda, postponed to upcoming PAFF Committee in June.

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 Regulation amending the model certificates for imports into the Union of meat preparations, meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as well as fresh meat of domestic solipeds set out in Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards public health requirements for residues.

The Commission presented the draft SANCO/7106/2014 Rev.5 which differs from Rev.4 only as regards the transitional period dates.

Following discussion with Member States and in absence of their consensus, it was decided to postpone the vote.

Vote postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annexes to Decision 2007/275/EC concerning the lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC.

The Commission presented the draft Decision updating the list of CN codes of living animals and products of animal origin to be subject to veterinary checks at border inspection posts when introduced into the EU from non-EU countries. The amendment take into consideration changes made to the Combined Nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff, clarifications requested by Member States, adaptations with the system TRACES and recent changes in the animal by-products legislation.

Considering the clarifications requested by some Member States, the draft Decision will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

Vote postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised.

The Commission presented this draft implementing Regulation which authorises new territories of Argentina and Brazil for the introduction of deboned and matured fresh meat of bovine and ovine animals into the EU. Those territories are already recognised by the OIE as foot and mouth disease free with vaccination. Furthermore, the regionalisation of Argentina will be simplified.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the list of third

countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised.

The Commission presented this draft implementing Decision which will align the regionalisation of Argentina and Brazil applied for meat products from meat of domestic bovine animals, with the regionalisation applied in Regulation (EU) 206/2010 for import of fresh meat of domestic bovine animals. Furthermore a new part of Brazil will be authorised for the introduction into the Union of meat products from meat of domestic bovine animals subject to a full sterilization treatment (treatment "B").

Vote taken: favourable opinion

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/943 of 18 June 2015 on emergency measures suspending imports of dried beans from Nigeria.

The Commission explained that, after repeated interception of dried beans imported from Nigeria due to non-authorized pesticide (dichlorvos), a one year EU ban is in place since 30 June 2015. In March 2016, DG SANTE sent an expert to participate to a workshop on the issue. Recommendations were formulated and it appeared that it will take time for Nigeria to guarantee export of safe dried beans. In addition, despite the ban in place, consignments of dried beans imported from Nigeria under other CN codes were also found positive to non-authorized pesticides. This is why the Commission has proposed to extend the current ban to three more years as well as the scope of the ban which is extended to two additional CN codes. If Nigeria is in position to demonstrate that safe dried beans can be exported to the EU prior the expiration date of the ban, the Commission will propose to resume trade before the 30 June 2019.

Vote taken: favourable opinion

M.01 Export of live animals to non-EU countries.

The Commission reminded Member States of their obligations under the rules on animal welfare during transportation, notably in relation to live animal transport to non-EU countries. In particular the Commission drew the attention to the lumpy skin disease situation in Bulgaria and Greece which affects the health status of control posts in the proximity to the border with Turkey. The Commission again informed Member States, that Turkey does not accept bovine animals which have been rested in LSD affected areas and that refused entry into Turkey has severe consequences for the welfare of the animals that must be avoided.