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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 21 MAY 2015 - 22 MAY 2015
(Section Plant Health)**

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A.01 Presentation by Slovenia of the National Decree of 17 March 2015 concerning emergency measures to prevent the introduction and spread of Hop Stunt Viroid (HSVd) and Citrus Bark Cracking Viroid (CBCVd) in the Slovenian territory.

Slovenia presented an overview of the hop cultivation in its country and detailed the measures recently taken against the two above mentioned hop pests. The measures focus on eradication of the two pests, prevention of their further spread in Slovenia or to other Member States, and prevention of new introductions. The Committee agreed to continue discussion on measures to be taken against those pests, on the basis of additional information to be provided by Slovenia.

A.02 Situation of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the European Union and implementation of EU measures.

Italy informed the Committee about the recent developments of the suspected finding of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the region of Liguria on an olive plant for planting arriving from Tuscany, which subsequently tested negative to the confirmatory analysis. Furthermore, Italy informed that the revision of the national measures was ongoing to ensure compliance with the new Decision 2015/789/EU, applicable since 18 May 2015, and provided a state of play about the ruling of the regional court case as regards the implementation of the EU emergency measures. France informed the Committee that the temporary national measures taken on *Xylella fastidiosa* on 2 April 2015 were being withdrawn to ensure compliance with Decision 2015/789/EU. France also provided details of the measures taken by Corsica to prevent introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their region, in force since 11 May 2015. On this last point, the Member States expressed concerns about the basis on which such measures were taken. An official response by the Commission was under preparation. Lastly, The Netherlands provided a state of play of the recent interceptions of *Coffea* plants imported from third countries via their country. The Committee agreed to follow very closely the situation of new interceptions of *Coffea* plants into the EU and intensify the monitoring of this susceptible plant species for early detection of positive cases.

A.03 Exchange of views concerning a possible amendment of the special requirements in Annex IV Part A Section II of Directive 2000/29/EC as regard the certification scheme of certain fruit plants.

An exchange of views took place as regards the draft document for a possible amendment of Section II of Part A of Annex IV of the Directive 2000/29/EC in relation to the certification scheme of fruit plants. Based on the comments provided by Member States, the Commission will present an updated proposal in a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

A.04 Presentation by Spain and Portugal of state of play of the presence of *Trioza erytreae* in their territories and the measures to control it.

Spain and Portugal presented a state of play of the presence of *Trioza erytreae* in their territories. Spain and Portugal have carried out surveying in the outbreak area to determine the limit of the demarcated area. Eradication measures are being applied.

A.05 Presentation by the Commission of the Member States protected zones monitoring results for the presence of the relevant harmful organisms, followed by an exchange of views.

The Commission presented the overview of reports from the Member States on surveys in Protected Zones in 2014. The Commission highlighted some issues for which more information is needed and requested the relevant Member States to provide it. The discussion shall continue in the forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

A.06 Presentation by the Commission of an overview of Member States plant health checks between 1 October 2014 and 31 March 2015 on wood packaging material actually in use in the transport of specified commodities originating in China, in line with Decision 2013/92/EU, followed by an exchange of views.

The Commission presented an overview of the number and results of plant health checks submitted by Member States in accordance with Decision 2013/92/EU. The results are consistent with the results of the previous reporting periods. The overall incidence of intercepted non-compliant wood packaging material is approximately 2 % of specified commodities inspected. A summary of the results will be communicated to the Chinese Authorities.

A.07 Presentation by France of the Pest Risk Assessments carried out on *Ditylenchus dipsaci*, *Plasmopara halstedii* and *Rhagoletis completa*.

France presented the Pest Risk Assessments carried out on *Ditylenchus dipsaci*, *Plasmopara halstedii* and *Rhagoletis completa* as basis for the activities of the Commission's Working Group on the Annexes of the Council Directive 2000/29/EC – Section II – Listing of Harmful Organisms. The Committee endorsed the Pest Risk Assessment carried out on *Ditylenchus dipsaci* and *Rhagoletis completa*. As regards

the Pest Risk Assessment on *Plasmopara halstedii*, France was invited to integrate further comments by the Committee and finalise the assessment by end of July 2015.

A.08 Presentation by the Commission of the recommendations of the Working Group meeting of 28-29 April 2015 relating to "Response to emerging risks from import", followed by an exchange of views.

The report focused on 32 third countries with the most worrying level of interceptions, update on the situation and recommendations for further follow-up. The report also proposed some non-regulated vegetables to be monitored by Member States at import into the Union, and to be considered by the Annexes Working Group. The Committee welcomed the report and supported its recommendations. The Commission will analyse the report and will inform the Committee on the follow-up actions in a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2006/473/EC recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).

Item postponed to the next meeting.

Vote postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a , "Projet de Décision de la Commission approuvant, au nom de l'Union européenne, la modification d'appendices de l'annexe 4 de l'accord entre la Communauté européenne et la Confédération suisse relatif aux échanges de produits agricoles" (working language of the document: French).

Item postponed to the next meeting.

M.01 Outbreaks of harmful organisms.

The Commission provided an overview of the outbreaks of harmful organisms reported by the Member States from 23 April to 12 May 2015.

M.02 EXPO Milan

The Commission informed the Committee about the activities the Commission plans for EXPO Milan: 14 July 2015 – "*Climate change and food security: challenges for plant health, plant*" [1] , and on 15 July 2015 - a conference on research in Plant Health organized by DG Research.

[1] http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/information_sources/docs/events/20150714_climate-change_expo_milan_agenda.pdf

M.03 PRA for *Aphelenchoides besseyi* Christie

The Commission reminded the Member States about its request for comments on the PRA for *Aphelenchoides besseyi* Christie. The comments shall be sent to Italy by the end of May 2015.

M.04 Survey Programme 2016

The Commission informed about the process to be followed for application and submission of survey programmes for 2016:

- The deadline of submission is 31 May 2015;
- The final forms are available through CIRCAbc and http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/cff/plant_health/survey-programmes_en.htm ;
- The following needs to be completed by the MSs:
 - The IT Tool (PDF) for financial entries;
 - The Word Template for 2016 Surveys Technical application;
 - Guidelines for Survey Programme 2016 (information on how to use and submit the above files).