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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2014 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2014
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information from the Commission on low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in the United States of America

The Commission representative informed the Committee about an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7 in Salem County, New Jersey in the USA, confirmed on 22/08/2014 in 48,000 birds. There were no clinical signs of illness or increased mortality on the premises. There are commercial poultry farms within 5km of the affected premises. The epidemiological investigation and response to the event are ongoing.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the list of border inspection posts

Commission Decision 2009/821/EC of 28 September 2009 lays down the list of border inspection posts approved in accordance with Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC. Following communication from Denmark, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, and satisfactory audits carried out by the FVO in Greenland and Croatia, several changes have to be made in the annex to Decision 2009/821/EC.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin

The Commission presented the draft amendment to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 following the seventeenth quarterly review of the list of imports of certain feed and

food of non-animal origin which are subject to coordinated reinforced checks. The Commission explained that the proposed changes concern: the listing of aubergines, Chinese celery and yard-long beans from Cambodia, sesamum seeds from India and dragon fruit from Viet Nam and the de-listing of frozen strawberries and pomelos from China.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the certification for imports of single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof.

Single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof, do not have to comply with all the animal and public health import conditions required in the certificates for imports of breeding and productive poultry (BPP), day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs (HEP), but have at least to meet the requirements set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008. At present the model veterinary certificates BPP, DOC and HEP do not refer to the exemptions from certain specific provisions for single consignments consisting of less than 20 units.

Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003, import of certain poultry commodities is subject to the approval by the Commission of a Salmonella control programme as stipulated in Article 10 of that Regulation. According to its Article 1(3), Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 does not apply to primary production of poultry for private domestic use or leading to the direct supply, by the producer, of small quantities of primary products to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying the primary products to the final consumer.

Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 should therefore be amended to exempt imports of single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof from the requirement for an approved Salmonella control programme.

For reasons of an uniform application of Union legislation for imports of single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof, it is appropriate to lay down a model veterinary certificate 'LT20' which contains the animal and public health requirements that are specifically applicable to such consignments.

M.01 Information on the health conditions for equidae imported from the United States into the Union in relation to testing for vesicular stomatitis.

The Commission informed the Committee that the US Mission to the EU has notified the Commission about the problems which occurred at one BIP in late August with horses returning from the United States to the EU after temporary export. The horses were quarantined upon arrival because the animals had not been tested for vesicular

stomatitis virus (VSV). The horses were returning to the EU after being in the United States for less than 30 days to participate in a racing event.

In such an event the horses do not need to be tested for VSV.

The Commission requested Member States to forward this information to the competent authorities at BIPs.