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#### **SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01** General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information point on EU-UK readiness and preparedness as from 1 January 2021.

No questions raised on EU-UK readiness and preparedness.

A.03 Information from Ukraine on the epidemiological situation and measures regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The competent authorities of Ukraine informed Member States on the measures taken to eradicate highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) following the confirmation of an outbreak in January 2020. Based on those measures and results of the surveillance for the disease, Ukraine declared freedom from HPAI and requested from the Commission to lift the relevant restrictions imposed on imports from that country.

The lack of reciprocity from Ukraine was raised by one Member State.

**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 Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Ukraine in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into and transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Ukraine presented (under point A) information on the measures taken following the outbreak to eradicate the disease and Commission presented the provisions of a draft Implemented Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 in relation to the reauthorisation of imports of certain poultry commodities into the Union from certain areas in Ukraine.

**Vote Postponed:** Written Consultation

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/626 as regards lists of third countries and regions thereof authorised for the entry into the European Union of dairy products and insects.

The Commission presented for opinion to Member States the draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/626 as regards lists of third countries and regions thereof authorised for the entry into the European Union of dairy products and insects, which provided a new entry into the EU for insects for Thailand and aligned the list of countries authorised to import dairy products with the ones in animal health legislation.

Vote Postponed: Written Consultation

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

The draft was presented again following the PAFF of July. Several Member States stated that they have objections to the text: Since all legal possibilities have been exhausted and a qualified majority is possible, the draft will be sent for written consultation.

Vote Postponed: Written Consultation

B.05 Exchange of views and technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for uniform application of issuance, signature and guarantees of reliability of official certificates and establishing model official certificates and model declarations for movements of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods within the Union and entry into the Union.

#### Summary for Points 5-7:

The Commission presented the 3 drafts below for technical agreement to launch public consultations. The Commission explained scope, structure and content of the legal act. The Commission provided clarifications on requirements established in draft Implementing Regulation SANTE/7086/2020 laying down rules for application issuance of official certificates, establishing standard model of certificate and notes for their completion and establishing specific models of official certificates and declarations for certain categories of animals and products of animal origin for movements with in Member States and for entry into the Union. It was explained as well the role of this act in relation with two other draft Implementing Regulations presented later during the meeting. Member States agreed to launch public consultations.

#### **Vote Postponed**

B.06 Exchange of views and technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for uniform application of issuance, signature and guarantees of reliability of official certificates and establishing model official certificates and model declarations for movements of consignments of certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof within the Union and entry into the Union.

Please see summary under Point 5.

#### **Vote Postponed**

B.07 Exchange of views and technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for uniform application of issuance, signature and guarantees of reliability of official certificates and establishing model official certificates and a model declaration for movements of consignments of certain categories of aquatic animals and certain products thereof within the Union and entry into the Union.

Please see summary under Point 5.

### **Vote Postponed**

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 as regards the period of application of temporary measures.

The draft was presented following the public consultation that took place in summer. The intention of the Commission is to present it for a formal vote in October's PAFF. Comments from Member States are expected before the end of September.

#### **Vote Postponed**

M.01 Unsatisfactory rabies vaccination titers in dogs imported from Russian Federation (Sweden/Finland).

Sweden presented the results of their random controls in dogs sourced from the Russian Federation demonstrating that several dogs have results that indicate that they were not vaccinated. It is a problem already detected by Finland and recently documented by Poland.