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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE on ZOOTECHNICS  
07 FEBRUARY 2017**

**A.01 Information and discussion regarding the relationship between Access and Benefit Sharing Legislation under the Nagoya Protocol and Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

The experts in the field of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) legislation under the Nagoya Protocol, invited by the Commission, presented the concept, objectives and principles of that legislation. They also explained the relevance of ABS legislation for the animal breeding sector in the context of Animal Breeding Regulation. The conclusion was that generally animal breeding should be considered as utilization/research and development provided for in ABS legislation and that an impact of ABS legislation on animal breeding is currently limited. However exchange patterns may be changed what depends on the establishment of access legislation by countries being parties to the Nagoya Protocol. If a Member State has established and implemented access legislation covering animal breeding this would have an impact on free trade in purebred breeding animals within the Union and therefore would be against principles and objectives of the Animal Breeding Regulation. The Commission suggested close cooperation between Member States in both animal breeding and ABS legislation fields in order to ensure that the principles of the Animal Breeding Regulation are not compromised.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the model forms to be used for the information to be included in the lists of recognised breed societies and breeding operations.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation supplementing the Animal Breeding Regulation by laying down model forms to be used for the information to be included in the lists of recognised breed societies and breeding operations. The draft of this Commission Implementing Regulation had been presented during two working groups on 15 November 2016 and 9 January 2017.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products.**

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation supplementing Animal Breeding Regulation by laying down model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products. The draft of this Commission Implementing Regulation had been presented during two working groups on 15 November 2016 and 9 January 2017.

One Member State abstained from the vote because the UELN (Universal Equine Life Number) was not explicitly mentioned in the zootechnical certificates as an obligatory method for identification of purebred breeding animals of the equine species.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**M.01 Import of purebred bulls, or their semen, which have been upgraded through the male line**

Upon request of a Member State an exchange view took place on the import of purebred bulls and their semen, upgraded through the male line from the supplementary section into the main section of a herdbook established in a third country.

Because of time constraints the meeting did not come to a definitive conclusion on the matter. The Commission agreed to follow up the discussion at the next meeting.