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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.

The Commission answered several questions asked by the Member States, in particular on the lists of GB establishments authorised to export products of animal origin and animal by-products in the EU.

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.

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 (SANTE/7156/2020).

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation amending 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 or transit through the Union. In particular, the draft Regulation foresees the regionalisation of the country and the suspension of imports of certain poultry commodities into the Union from the areas of Ukraine currently under restrictions due to the confirmation of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation, which constitutes the third, regular review of Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on import checks on certain food and feed of non-animal origin, based on data on infringements and rapid alerts and other available information from the reference period (first semester of 2020). In response to questions from Member States, the Commission confirmed that the entry in Annex I regarding peppers/Turkey would be clarified in the document to be provided for the written consultation of the Committee. The Commission furthermore pointed out that other requests for modifications would be reviewed in the course of the forthcoming fourth review of the Regulation.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the lists of animals, products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and derived products, composite products and hay and straw subject to official controls at border control posts and repealing Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2007 and Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation and latest changes introduced in the text. There were no comments from the Member States to the draft act and annex. However, several Member States asked for more time to provide comments. It was agreed that the written consultation will be launched on 15 February with deadline to provide further comments by 18 February 2021.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising laboratories in Brazil, Cambodia, China, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Tunisia and United Kingdom to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

The Commission explained the purpose of the listing of the labs and highlighted that following administrative checks to be performed in the coming days, some labs will be deleted from the proposal whereas one additional lab might be listed.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Information from the Commission on the rules for the movement of racing pigeons to sporting events to another Member State.

The Commission informed participants on the provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as regards the movement of racing pigeons to sporting events to another Member State.

M.02 Information as regards certain questions on animal by-products raised during the last Brexit meeting.

The Commission has been made aware of certain problems related to imports of ABP :

1. a 40-days residency period in certificates for imports of raw animal by-products for manufacturing of petfood and for uses outside the feed chain,
2. a typo in certificate for imports of technical fats intended for manufacturing of biodiesel and renewables, and
3. conditions for imports and a corresponding certificate for imports of apiculture by-products should be revised in order to introduce conditions for imports of honey intended for the manufacturing of feed for farmed animals.