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## SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information related to third countries.

No item raised.

**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 Decision amending Commission Decisions 92/260/EEC and 93/197/EEC as regards the testing for equine viral arteritis.

The Commission presented a draft Decision introducing test mating as an additional test for equine viral arteritis in horses imported into the Union. This test procedure, aiming to ensure that male equine animals do not shed equine arteritis virus in semen, is in line with the recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and takes also into account the more restrictive recommendations of the Code of Practice established for this purpose by the Thoroughbred industry. This additional test option is proposed to be added to the conditions for entry of uncastrated male equidae which are seropositive and from which a semen sample cannot be obtained for antigen detection testing.

## **Vote Postponed**

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Annex XV to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards health certification at import into the Union concerning transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

The amendment aims in revision of the BSE/TSE attestation for the import of animal by-products attestation and modification of that attestation in several animal health certificates for the import of animal by-products.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the lists of third country establishments from which imports of specified products of animal origin are permitted, regarding certain establishments from Brazil.

The Commission presented a draft on the de-listing of certain Brazilian establishments from which imports of products of animal origin are currently authorized. The measure is related to frauds and deficiencies recently detected in the Brazilian official control system.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in TRACES.

The Commission presented amendment which proposes to change the approvals of BIPs in Denmark, Spain and the Netherlands, and Traces units in Belgium and Austria.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.