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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 04 FEBRUARY 2015
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Update on negotiations with Russia.

Regarding ASF in Baltic States and Poland

- Commission considers approach of the Russian Federation not proportionate and in controversy to international rules
- Therefore, the case was raised to WTO panel, in order to protect legitimate demands of affected countries and to defend the common EU interest
- Commission is committed to proceed with that case until international rules related to regionalisation are not followed
- This position of Commission was never changed nor modified, case can only be finished if rules are fully applied. Russian side was informed about this explicitly at the technical talks in Berlin

Regarding technical conditions related to potential resumption of trade

- Commission, in line with its exclusive competence in trade policy, would not accept and was never accepting bilateral trade agreements between individual Member States and the Russian Federation (or CU). Commission discourages Member States to enter into bilateral trade discussions and asks (and has asked in the past) to withdraw from any bilateral trade arrangements
- Any trade with the Russian Federation, if and when potentially resumed, should be based on EU framework, valid EU certificate (negotiated by EC) and should not have discriminatory character
- Non-tolerance for bilateral agreements was explicitly communicated to Russian side during Berlin talks, and statements on technical exchange linked to potential inspections in letter send by me to Russian side should not be understood as deviating from this line

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing specific rules for

introduction of certain products of animal origin from Japan into EXPO Milano 2015 in Milan (Italy).

The draft proposal provides for special derogation to the Union animal health import policy in order to authorise introduction of certain products of animal origin from Japan exclusively for their use in the framework of EXPO Milano 2015. It also provides for a special import certificate for such goods. The goods introduced in EXPO Milano 2015 based on the derogation provided for in the proposal will be subject to all the restrictions already in laid down in Regulation (EU) 2015/329 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/329 of 2 March 2015 derogating from Union provisions on animal and public health as regards the introduction into the European Union of food of animal origin destined to EXPO Milano 2015 in Milan (Italy)). The proposal will be applicable only until 31 October 2015 which is the end of EXPO Milano 2015.

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 798/2008 as regards the entry for Israel 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 relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza

The Israeli veterinary authorities did not submit a request for regionalisation of imports of certain poultry commodities to the Union due to further outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 on their territory. Imports of poultry commodities from Israel to the Union remain therefore suspended as Israel is not in a position to sign the required veterinary certificates.

Vote postponed

B.03 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 as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non animal origin.

Topic has been withdrawn from Agenda.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards animal health requirements for bovine tuberculosis in the model of veterinary certificates BOV-X and BOV-Y and the entries for Israel, New Zealand and Paraguay in the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of live animals and of fresh meat is authorised.

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Regulation amending provisions on introduction into the Union of live animals and of fresh meat. The

amendments relate to the models of veterinary certificates for imports into the Union of bovine animals and to the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of live animals is authorised. Those amendments result from the fact that the New Zealand's tuberculosis eradication and control programme was recognised as equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programme of bovine tuberculosis carried out according to the rules defined in Annex A to Council Directive 64/432/EEC. Moreover, amendments of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 were prepared in order to authorise imports into the Union of fresh meat of domestic bovine animals from Paraguay, as Paraguay provided sufficient animal health guarantees to substantiate the absence of FMD virus circulation on its territory, and to specify the territorial coverage of Israel. The draft Regulation probably will be presented for vote during the next PAFF Committee.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU as regards animal health requirements relating to officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds equivalence of New Zealand

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision amending provisions on imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. The amendments result from the fact that the New Zealand's tuberculosis eradication and control programme was recognised as equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programme of bovine tuberculosis carried out according to the rules defined in Annex A to Council Directive 64/432/EEC. Therefore it is necessary to indicate the information of that recognition in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which Member States shall authorise imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species, as well as in the model animal health certificate for imports of such semen. In addition amendments also relate to points I.20. and I.28. of that model animal health certificate as regards the quantity of the straws of semen in the consignment. The draft Decision probably will be presented for vote during the next PAFF Committee.