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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 25 OCTOBER 2017  
(Section *Controls and Import Conditions*)**

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**A.01 General Information related to third countries.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Information from the Commission on certain elements of imports of alpacas from New Zealand.**

The Commission is aware that several CVOS have been contacted by the alpaca industry urging them for a quick solution as regards imports of alpacas from New Zealand. The Commission confirmed that the matter belongs to harmonised EU rules, hence to the Commission.

The Commission has been already in direct contact with the New Zealand competent authorities and informed the Member States that the current situation of import of alpacas being "blocked" from New Zealand is primarily caused by the internal controls and considerations of the New Zealand Competent Authority, and in particular on their own capacity to certify one part of the statement in the RUM certificate in relation to the import of animals vaccinated against bluetongue onto their territory.

Contrary to claims from alpaca industry, the relevant text of the certificate is not new. It is basically there since 2012.

Some of the solutions suggested by stakeholders are legally not possible (derogation from current text or "dispensation").

Amendments of the current import policy require thorough discussions by EU veterinary experts.

There was agreement that the issue will be reconsidered in the context of the development of delegated and implementing acts under the EU animal health law (AHL).

**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.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised.**

The Commission was not in a position to distribute the draft document because it was still in internal consultation. Therefore it has been explained that the draft provides for listing in Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 of:

- Montenegro in column A. However, until some issues in relation to public health aspects are addressed, Montenegro will only be able to transit milk and milk products through the Union;
- Abu Dhabi (UAE) for camel milk and milk products in column C, as it was already done for Dubai.

Member States did not express any comments. The document will be proposed for vote in a future PAFF Committee.

**M.01 Camelidae - Information from Lithuania.**

In line with the obligation provided for in Article 3a to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, Lithuania informed the Member States of the authorisation given to an approved body centre or institute in Russia for the introduction of animals belonging to the *Camelidae* family into an approved body centre or institute in Lithuania.