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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 General information by third countries.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK (GB).**

No item raised.

**A.03 Information from the Commission on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 ('the IMSOC Regulation').**

The Commission informed Member States on the content and the state of play of the second amendment of the IMSOC Regulation (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715). In particular, the Commission noted that the draft contains changes for three of the IMSOC components (iRASFF, EUROPHYT and TRACES) and a proposal for the addition of AROC as a fifth IMSOC component, and informed that discussions on changes for the different components have taken place in relevant dedicated meetings. The Commission presented the main changes in relation to the provisions for TRACES, which include amendments of certain Articles of, and Annex II to, the Regulation.

**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 Regulation amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the lists of TCs authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry and fresh meat of poultry and game birds.**

Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries authorised for the entry

into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry and fresh meat of poultry and game birds. This draft act, updating the HPAI regionalisation in Canada, the UK and the US, was presented for formal vote.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation 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 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 (9th review) and explained proposed amendments in Annex I, and Annex II on temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures for certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries. Proposed amendments are based on evaluation of the results of official controls during the first semester of 2023 and proposals received from Member States and had been discussed in detail with Member States' experts.

In addition, the Commission provided clarifications concerning official controls applied on almonds originating from the United States under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/949 due to possible contamination by aflatoxins. An increase of non-compliances as regards the presence of aflatoxins in almonds from the US has been observed during official controls performed by the Member States in 2023. The conditions leading to the approval of the pre-export controls for almonds from US as regards aflatoxins, provided by Regulation (EU) 949/2015 approving the pre-export checks carried out on certain food by certain third countries as regards the presence of certain mycotoxins, seem to be no longer fulfilled. Therefore, in accordance with Article 74(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (Official Controls Regulation) the reduced frequency provided for in Regulation (EU) 2015/949 no longer applies for the time being. In a second stage and in case the situation does not improve, it might be appropriate to consider a draft Regulation providing for the removal of almonds from the US from the list of approved pre-export checks or to include almonds from US in Regulation (EU) 2019/1793, to ensure a high level of human health protection.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/478 on maintaining protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Türkiye intended for human consumption.**

This point was withdrawn from the Agenda and postponed to the next Committee meeting in December.