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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 on the future SPS legislation implemented by the UK as from 01.01.2021. It was clarified that, according to the UK announcements, most of their future SPS legislation will be adopted by mid-November. In particular, the participants were reminded that some of the information is presented in the UK guidance "Border Operating Model" available at the following web page: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model>.

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 (EU) 2019/1793 as regards the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures on sesamum seeds originating from India (SANTE/7268/2020).

The Commission presented the draft safeguard measure, which is intended to address serious health risks, relating to the presence of residues of the pesticide ethylene oxide (prohibited in the EU), that had been detected and notified in relation to sesamum seeds originating from India.

The measure imposes testing and certification for absence of pesticide residues in India before export and sets a harmonised frequency of identity and physical checks at entry into the EU (50%).

Member States asked for further information regarding analytical capacity in the EU and modalities of certification of exported consignments. The Commission undertook to provide information on laboratory capacity in cooperation with the EU Reference Laboratory and on certification following internal consultation.

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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 Australia 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 (SANTE/7190/2020).

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Australia 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 suspension of the authorisation of Australia for the imports of certain poultry commodities into the EU due to the confirmation of an outbreak on highly pathogenic avian influenza.

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B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae.

The Commission presented information received directly from Kuwait and Turkey respectively and through the OIE on the measures taken by those countries to eradicate the outbreaks of glanders, and in the case of Kuwait to regain country freedom. The Commission furthermore explained the measures proposed to authorise entry of registered horses from Kuwait and 5 Provinces of Turkey which was suspended due to the notified glanders cases. Member States had no questions and did not signal missing support for the measures proposed by the Commission.

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