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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 12 JANUARY 2016  
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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**A.01 Information on regionalisation of South American countries as regards introduction of fresh meat and meat products into the Union.**

New areas in Argentina and Brazil have been recognised as free of foot and mouth disease with vaccination by the OIE. The Commission informed about the new situation and the requests from those countries to authorise these areas for introduction of fresh meat into the Union. It has been also requested by the two countries to align the regionalisation for export of meat products with the regionalisation for export of fresh meat. Finally the Commission informed about the request from Brazil to authorise a new area recognised free of foot and mouth disease by the OIE for export of meat products from domestic bovines subject to complete sterilisation process (treatment B as defined in Decision 2007/777/EC).

**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 Decision amending Decision 2007/275/EC concerning the lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC.**

Animals and products of animal origin, which need to be presented for import controls to border inspection posts are linked to the Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes as laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 and listed with the CN codes and additional explanations in Decision 2007/275/EC as amended by Implementing Decision 2012/31/EU. The draft amendment to Decision 2007/275/EC reflects changes due to the annual updates of CN codes by DG TAXUD and several requests from Member States to clarify the explanations.

The Commission presented the draft amendment and Member States (AT, BE, DE, FR, DK, IT, PL, SI, SE, UK) asked for clarifications and announced to provide written comments. The Commission replied to the questions raised and assured that import conditions for used cooking oil will be discussed in the next Expert Group dealing with animal-by-products. The Commission reminded Member States to liaise closely with their customs colleagues to ensure that there are no misunderstandings in relation to the classification of goods in their relevant CN codes.

**M.01 Controls according to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2011 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (IAS).**

Austria asked for clarification on controls according to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2011 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (IAS). The Commission replied that it is Member States' responsibility to define the competent authority for the IAS controls for animals and products, which need to be presented to border inspection posts, designated points of entry or designated points of inspection. In such case the competent authority may issue the entry document (CVED/CED) as acceptable for import, if the relevant animals or products are not on the list of prohibited IAS or if they are accompanied by a valid permit. Similarly, the Commission explained what should happen in case of consignments, which are not acceptable for import and that the species reference in the CVED should be indicated to reflect properly the reason for the rejection.

Some Member States commented that, in case these controls are delegated to the BIPs, their staff would have problems with the species determination. The Commission replied that in such cases of delegation, basic procedures on the delegation and responsibilities of controls and on the co-ordination between the different competent authorities involved should be laid down to ensure that in case of problems the opinion of a species expert could be sought. The Commission proposed to consider inclusion of IAS controls in training sessions provided to Member States under the BTSF regime. Denmark outlined that most of the IAS species listed would enter with the ballast water of vessels, which is not under veterinary control and the Commission invited Member States to raise their problems in writing, either to DG SANTE or directly to DG Environment.