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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.

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 Decision concerning emergency measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of foot and mouth disease through consignments of hay and straw from third countries or territories and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2208.

The Commission presented draft Decision laying down emergency measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of foot and mouth disease through consignments of hay and straw from third countries or territories and repeals Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2208 which was supported by all Member States.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Exceptional circumstances of entering the EU with animals from Ukraine.

The Commission recalled the recommendations it made in this regard and the actions taken so far to foster a good cooperation between authorities in Member States. No specific comments were made.

M.02 Entry into the EU of captive birds – issues related to their identification.

The Commission presented the two issues detected:

- the use of an ISO code with three letters in the means of identification (whereas legislation requires a 2 letter code) and,
- the obligation to have the code in the means of identification of the country of origin (whereas some birds are shipped to another third country, this second third country thereby becoming the country of origin, which means re-identification when sent to the EU).

The Commission proposed a flexible approach, accepting animals with a means of identification with the 2 or 3 letter code of the third country where the animals were initially identified. If no comments are raised by Member States in the coming week, a letter to the CVOs along these lines will be sent.