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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General Information related to third countries.

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 laying down the animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for competition after temporary export to Indonesia, amending Annex I to Decision 93/195/EEC as regards the entry for Indonesia and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Indonesia in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised.

The objective of this Decision is to allow for a limited period of time the re-entry into the EU of registered horses temporarily exported from the EU to Indonesia to participate in the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta - Palembang, which will take place from 18 August to 2 September 2018. In application of the regionalisation principles, an equine disease free zone in line with recommendations of the OIE has been established on 15 February 2018 for the period until the end of the games, which consists of a core zone comprising the competition venue, a surveillance zone with controlled access of equidae and a protection zone where equidae are registered, and in which 3 rounds of disease surveys have taken place. The core zone provides the necessary animal health guarantees to effectively separate the EU horses from local equidae.

This Decision will set out the specific animal health and certification conditions, allowing re-entry into the Union of registered competition horses from the equine disease free zone in Jakarta.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation on the delisting of certain third country establishments from which imports of specified products of animal origin are permitted.

The Commission presented a draft on the delisting of certain Brazilian establishments from which imports of products of animal origin are currently authorised. The measure is related to the deficiencies recently detected in the Brazilian official control system. At this stage, the draft has not been endorsed by the Commission and it was not presented for the vote.

Vote Postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae.

The aim of this draft Regulation is to consolidate in a single legal act the list of third countries and existing model animal health certificates set out for the entry into the Union of equidae and their germinal products and to present those model certificates in the TRACES format. At the same time the proposed measures aim at aligning, as much as possible in a framework of Directive 2009/156/EC, the animal health requirements to the latest recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/675 on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Algeria and Tunisia.

Following notification from Algeria and Tunisia of outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in those countries, protection measures were adopted at Union level by Commission Implementing Decisions (EU) 2017/675 and 2017/887 which are applicable until 30 April 2018. The draft provides for a prolongation of the measures until 30 June 2019.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.