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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 04 OCTOBER 2016 - 05 OCTOBER 2016  
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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**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 amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 2004/211/EC as regards temporary admission and imports of registered horses from certain parts of Egypt.**

The representative of the Commission presented the draft Decision relating to the amendment of Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 2004/211/EC. Those amendments aim at the authorisation of temporary admission and imports of registered horses from an "Equine Disease Free Zone" established by Egypt. Following the outcome of a veterinary inspection carried out in Egypt in June 2010, the introduction of horses from Egypt was suspended. Egypt now requested that the Commission reconsidered the export status of that Third Country. An "Equine Disease Free Zone" was established around the Egyptian Armed Forces Veterinary Hospital situated in the eastern outskirts of Cairo under specific veterinary supervision which is free of multiple specified equine diseases. Based on the documentation submitted by Egypt it appears that the guarantees offered by Egypt are sufficient to authorise temporary admission and imports of registered horses from the "Equine Disease Free Zone" of Egypt.

The Commission explained also that, as regards Egypt, there is at present no threat of vector-borne diseases, therefore the biosecurity measures proposed by Egypt are adequate.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in TRACES.**

The Commission presented the draft Decision amending the list of border inspection posts in Belgium, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Hungary and the Netherlands and certain changes to the list of Traces units in Germany and Italy.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for the introduction of live equidae and imports of semen, ova and embryos of the equine species into the Union.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Regulation on introduction of live equidae and imports of semen, ova and embryos of the equine species into the Union.

As regards entry of equidae into the Union, the draft Regulation is going to replace Commission Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 2010/57/EC.

This draft Regulation aims at:

- the reduction of the number of certificates,
- the adaptation of model certificates to be in line with Commission Decision 2007/240/EC,
- placing the list of Sanitary Groups in one place,
- the adaptation of animal health requirements to the latest recommendations in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in the framework of Directive 2009/156/EC,
- updating some testing methods, i.e. for vesicular stomatitis,
- clarifying the procedure for: temporary admission of registered horses, re-entry of registered horses, imports of equidae for slaughter.

As regards imports of semen, ova and embryos of the equine species, certificates for those commodities were copied to the draft Regulation from the lately adopted Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/261.

The representative of the Commission thanked Member States for their comments to the previous draft which was presented during the PAFF Committee meeting on 13-14 September 2016 and presented a revised document reflecting those comments. Member States had additional comments to the already revised version. The Commission will prepare another revision of the draft Regulation which is to be presented during the next PAFF Committee in November for further discussions. Main concerns were related to the procedure for temporary admission of registered horses into the Union and their subsequent movements within the Union, including the procedure for notification of those movements by using TRACES.