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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2014
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving on behalf of the European Union certain amendments to Annexes II, V, VII and VIII to the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving on behalf of the European Union certain amendments to Annexes II, V, VII and VIII to the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products for vote. The Commission highlighted the good cooperation with New Zealand in the agreement resulting in a balanced outcome of the interests of both sides and a high level of reciprocal equivalence recognition of each other's systems. The Commission presented some final proposed amendments introduced since the latest previous revision of the draft presented in the PAFF Committee on 7-8 July 2014. No comments were received from Member States on these. Some comments were provided on legislative references in Annex V which were accepted.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Information from Italy on the occurrence of small hive beetle in Region of Calabria (Italy)

The Italian delegate in his presentation explained the details concerning the development of the small hive beetle occurrence in the Region of Calabria, Italy, including relevant maps and measures taken. The Commission explained that it is a new situation, the first occurrence of this exotic parasite in the EU and confirmed close contact with the Italian authorities in analysing the situation and urged the delegates to transmit these details to their animal health, especially bee health experts in the capitals. The Commission also recalled that intra-EU trade of bees is not possible from the restricted areas (and even from beyond as the relevant certificate

requires freedom from this parasite in 100 km of radius from the place of origin). No questions were raised.