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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 07 NOVEMBER 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 Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 as regards the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls on imports.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending for the twenty-fifth time the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls at the borders. The changes in the list are the following:

- Listing of the following commodities:
 - a. **Groundnuts and derived products** (food and feed) – Bolivia – Aflatoxins
 - b. **Sesamum seeds** (food) – Uganda – Salmonella
 - c. **Pineapples** (food) – Benin – Pesticide residues
 - d. **Table Grapes** (food) – Egypt – Pesticide residues
 - e. **Pomegranates** (food) – Turkey – Pesticide residue
 - f. **Aubergines** (food) – Uganda – Pesticide residues

- Modification of the frequency of physical and identity checks on the following currently listed commodities:
 - a. **Pistachios** – United States – Aflatoxins (decrease from 20% to 10%)

- b. **Dragon fruit** – Vietnam – Pesticide residues (decrease from 20% to 10%)
- c. **Lemons** – Turkey – Pesticide residues (increase from 10 to 20%)

Spain and Germany requested a stricter approach for tea leaves originating from China, preferably to delete this commodity from Annex I to Regulation 669/2009 and introduce it in a safeguard measure so that an official certificate issued by China would accompany the products. The Commission took note of the comments.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

EU Member States have endorsed the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Decision 2011/163/EC on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by certain third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

This draft:

- **adds:** the United Arab Emirates (aquaculture – raw material originating either from Member States or from third countries which are approved to export to the EU), Georgia (honey),
- **deletes:** Gambia (aquaculture), Kenya (milk) and the Lebanon (honey).

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements.

The draft regulation foresees:

- Listing of Colombia for imports of egg products into the Union in order to allow that third country to use egg products for the manufacturing of composite products for dispatch to the Union.
- Regionalization of the Israeli territory with respect to Newcastle disease and restricting imports to poultry meat only.
- Authorising the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for imports of poultry meat into the EU following the favourable outcome of a Commission audit and provision of guarantees.
- Amending the poultry meat import certificate in order to allow imports into the Union of poultry meat produced from slaughter poultry previously imported from a Member State.
- Amending the Harmonised System (HS) Custom's code for egg products to be indicated on the import certificate.

Some Member States expressed concerns about the procedure to list Colombia for egg products for the purpose of imports of composite products, mainly because Colombia has neither a residue plan approved nor authorised establishments for eggs and egg products. The Commission representative explained that the proposal only foresees listing of Colombia as regards animal health. Approval of a residue plan and establishments can take place after this step. In any case the products cannot be imported until all the animal and public health requirements are complied with. As regards Israel concerns were raised about the still ongoing epidemic of Newcastle disease in that country and the provision of sufficient guarantees for an effective implementation of regionalization.

Vote postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards the official controls on fishery products caught by Union flagged vessels and introduced into Union territory after being transferred in non-Union countries and establishing a model of the health certificate for those products.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards fishery products caught by Union Member State's flagged vessels and entering the Union territory after being transferred in non-Union countries.

Points C.01 & C.02

The Commission presented a draft Decision on derogation from full import checks at EU border inspection posts (BIPs) for fishery consignments caught by EU flagged vessels and transferred in third countries before being introduced in the EU and a draft Commission Regulation establishing a model certificate for these products. Considering that these fishery products keep their EU status under customs rules and that they do not pose any risk of animal health, the full range of veterinary checks laid down in Article 4 of Directive 97/78/EC is not justified, provided that public health guarantees are certified by the competent authorities of the third country in which the consignment is transferred. Therefore import checks at EU borders can be reduced to a documentary check to verify the EU origin. During the meeting, some comments on the proposed drafts were made.

The Commission invited Member States to provide possible additional comments in writing. Based on those comments, a revised version of both drafts will be presented under Section B at the next PAFF Committee.

M.01 PED

France asked to consider a possible extension of the provisional measures for imports of live pigs from Canada and US. The Commission clarified that, as informed at the PAFF of 4 October, it had no intention to extend the provisional measures. Regulation

was applicable until 30/10/2016. PED is not a notifiable disease in the Union, nor in the OIE. In addition, the EFSA risk assessment on this disease supports this approach and the situation in the US and in Canada as regards the control of PED has substantially improved. The Commission also informed that, as indicated at the CVO meeting in October, PED was amongst the diseases which will not be included in the listing exercise under the AHL.