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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 04 JULY 2017

HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

(Section Animal Health & Welfare)

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

France established a new protection and surveillance zone around an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a rural poultry holding located in the North of its territory close to the border with Belgium. The surveillance zone extends into Belgium territory. Belgium has therefore also established a surveillance zone. The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 has therefore to be amended to update regionalization at Union level to include the protection and surveillance zones established by France as well as the surveillance zone established in Belgium, in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC. The duration of the restrictions applicable in the listed areas must also be fixed.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.