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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 JANUARY 2015 - 14 JANUARY 2015
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information from the Commission on equivalence provisions between the Union and New Zealand on animal health requirements concerning bovine tuberculosis applicable to imports into the Union from New Zealand of semen and embryos of animals of the bovine species.

The Commission informed about decision taken to recognise New Zealand's tuberculosis eradication and control programme, which was submitted to the Commission by New Zealand in 2011 and evaluated in 2012, as equivalent as equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programme of bovine tuberculosis carried out according to the rules defined in Annex A to Council Directive 64/432/EEC. The Commission informed as well about necessary amendments of Regulation (EC) No 206/2010 and Decision 2011/630/EU resulting from this recognition.

A.02 Update on highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N2 in Canada.

Between 1-19/12 outbreaks occurred in commercial poultry holdings and in one non-commercial farm in Fraser Valley in the province of British Columbia. Regionalisation measures were voted on 16/12. In order to rectify and make clearer certain entries in the Annex to document SANCO/7127/2014 (Rev.2) amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 which refers to the regionalised area the vote on that document was repeated on 14/01.

A.03 Update on highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N2 in the U.S.

Between 16/12 and 3/01 three outbreaks occurred in backyard poultry flocks in Oregon State (H5N8 in Douglas County) and in Washington State (H5N2 in Benton County).

H5N2 was also detected in wild birds and H5N8 in a captive falcon. Regionalisation measures were taken (see point B.04 and B.05).

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the model certificates for imports into the Union of meat preparations, meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as well as fresh meat of domestic solipeds set out in Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards public health requirements for residues.

The proposed draft amends the model of certificate for the import into the European Union of the relevant commodities and provides for a residency period of 6 months for domestic solipeds for slaughter in the country in which they are slaughtered. The country of slaughter must be approved by the EU as regards its monitoring plan for residues and the rules and regulations on the administration of pharmaceutical products to food producing domestic solipeds.

The draft was not proposed for vote.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Japan in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised.

The draft proposal provides for the listing of Japan in the list in Part 2 of Annex II to decision 2007/777/EC in order to authorise it to export meat products. As Japan is already listed in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 and authorised to export to the Union consignments of fresh bovine meat, accordingly, consignments from that third country of meat products obtained from bovine animals, should be authorised for introduction into the Union subject to the non-specific treatment "A", as set out in Part 4 of that Annex.

In 2014 Japan notified the World organisation for Animal Health (OIE) of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5 in holdings on its territory. Japan has imposed a stamping-out policy to control that disease and to limit its spread. Furthermore, cases of HPAI of the subtype H5 have been confirmed in wild birds on its territory on several occasions. Accordingly, consignments from that third country of commodities obtained from poultry, as referred to in Part 2 of Annex II to decision 2007/777/EC should be authorised for introduction into the Union subject to the specific treatment "D", as set out in Part 4 of that Annex.

Japan notifies the OIE of outbreaks of diseases in porcine animals and the disease situation is favourable in that third country as regards diseases to which porcine animals are susceptible and for which guarantees are to be certified in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. Accordingly, consignments from that third country of commodities obtained from porcine animals, as referred to in Part 2 of Annex II to decision 2007/777/EC, should be authorised for introduction into the Union provided that they have undergone the specific treatment "B", as set out in Part 4 of that Annex.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

- B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards import into, and transit through the Union of single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof.**

Discussion postponed.

- B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.**

Following outbreaks of HPAI outbreaks (see A.02) and the assessment of the situation the prohibition of imports and transit of certain poultry commodities such as live poultry and poultry meat can now be limited to Douglas county in Oregon State and to the entire State of Washington.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

- B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza.**

Following confirmed HPAI outbreaks and the assessment of the situation the prohibition of imports and transit the required heat treatment of poultry meat products can now be limited to Douglas county in Oregon State and to the entire State of Washington.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.