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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 General information by third countries.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Information point on EU-UK readiness and preparedness as from 1 January 2021.**

The Commission presented the last announcements of the UK government about their new timetable for a phasing approach on certification and border controls on imports from EU Member States. The initial deadlines set on 1 April and 1 July 2021 have been postponed to 1 October 2021, 1 January and 1 March 2022.

**A.03 Maintenance of equivalence on official controls by Switzerland.**

Switzerland gave a presentation on the actions they have taken to maintain equivalence with the Official Control Regulation, notably the necessary amendments in Swiss legislation. There was no reaction from the Member States.

**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.**

**Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and 2020/2236 as regards model animal health certificates and animal health/official certificates for entry into the Union of certain aquatic animals and products of animal origin (SANTE/7096/2021).**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and 2020/2236 as regards model animal health certificates and animal health/official certificates for entry into the Union of certain aquatic animals and products of animal origin. The rationale and modifications of provisions in three certificates were explained to the Member States. The application date of this Commission Implementing Regulation is 21 of April 2021. There was comment from one Member State which will be clarified in the draft before sending for written consultation.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, 2020/2236 and [C(2021)1801] laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model of animal certificates and animal health/official certificates for movements within the Union of consignments of animals and goods.**

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation for vote and acceptance to proceed with written consultation. The Commission explained amendments and requirements established in that draft Regulation. No questions were raised by Member States.

In relation to the use of TRACES for the issuance of certificates during the transitional period established in Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, (EU) 2020/2236 and (EU) C(2021)1801 (“IA TERRE”), the Commission clarified that during the transitional period, certificates for intra-Union trade and for certificates for entry into the Union would be managed differently in TRACES.

For intra-Union trade, certificates corresponding to the template of Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 would continue to be available in TRACES Classic until 15 October 2021 (with consignments being able to move with such certificates until 17 October 2021).

Further details on how to certify based on those certificates had been provided in the Standing Committee on 15 March 2021 and in working document SANTE/2021/7104.

As a consequence, the (new) certificates which will be legally applicable as of 21 April 2021 would not be available in TRACES-NT, so as to discourage the (parallel and confusing) use of the two TRACES platforms.

For entry into the Union, third countries would be able to either use (new) certificates available in TRACES-NT as of 21 April 2021 or (current models of) certificates produced outside TRACES during the transitional period.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the European Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised.**

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 as regards the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the European Union of consignments of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products is authorised to Member States. The Commission explained that Moldova made a request for an authorisation for transit through the Union of ice-creams, which are considered non shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products. In view of the guarantees given by the Moldovan competent authorities on the correct application of treatment ‘C’ (provided for in column C of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010) on the dairy products contained in the composite products, the Commission proposed to place Moldova in column ‘C’ of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending certain Annexes to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/... [C(2021)1800] laying down the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin is permitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the entries of the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies.**

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards transitional arrangements, the entries of the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies of Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey and the list of third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of dairy products required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment against foot and mouth disease. The Commission explained that current lists of third countries authorised for the entry into the Union were amended as regards the entries of the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies by several Commission Implementing Regulations published in the OJ at the end of 2020. The legal acts containing those lists are repealed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 with effect from 21 April 2021. The amendments as regards the entries of the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies are not covered by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 and therefore should be amended to include those amendments.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2007/330/EC lifting prohibitions on the movement of certain animal products on the island of Cyprus under Council Regulation (EC) No 866/2004 and laying down certain conditions for the movement of those products with regard to ‘Χαλλούμι’ (Halloumi)/‘Hellim’ (PDO).**

The Commission presented a proposal for an Implementing Decision laying down certain conditions for the movement in Cyprus of Halloumi/Hellim (PDO). Vote will be by written consultation with deadline 25 March. Two Member States asked to postpone the vote in view of late receipt of the draft. The Commission replied to be ready to respond to any question in the days to come before given their final position in writing.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.06 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.**

The Commission presented to Member States a new draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU related to an update of the list of third countries eligible to export to the EU commodities where their national residue monitoring is satisfactory. No Member State took the floor to intervene or to object.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**