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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 16 MAY 2017
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 General Information related to third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information on imports of certain birds into the Union during 2016.

The Commission distributed document SANTE/7042/2017 Rev2, with an overview of Member States' reports on imports of captive birds during 2016, in accordance with Article 17(2) of Regulation 139/2013, to delegations.

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 Decision amending the list of third countries and territories from which imports of certain fishery products for human consumption are permitted.

EU Member States have endorsed the draft Commission Implementing Decision adding the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia and the Republic of Kiribati to Annex II to Decision 2006/766/EC.

Concerning the Republic of Kiribati, the Commission confirmed that it has presented written information concerning its control systems, legislation and administrative structures.

These written guarantees have been considered appropriate as regards compliance with Union legislation as specified in Article 48(3) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.

The Commission also confirmed that an audit in the Republic of Kiribati is foreseen in a near future.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of their semen, ova and embryos.

The aim of this draft Regulation is to consolidate in a single legal act the list of third countries and existing model animal health certificates set out for the entry into the Union of equidae and their germinal products and to present those model certificates in the TRACES format. At the same time the proposed measures aim at aligning, as much as possible in a framework of Directive 2009/156/EC, the animal health requirements to the latest recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

The document, which has been discussed extensively with Member States in previous meetings and which had undergone public consultation, received a favourable opinion by qualified majority of Member States.

In addition, the Netherlands submitted the following written statement explaining their voting motivation:

"The Netherlands would like to add a written statement to the positive vote on the Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of their semen, ova and embryos. Given the added value of replacing an number of Commission Decisions into this Implementing Regulation, the Netherlands has voted in favour during the PAFF-committee of May 16th. The Netherlands understands that at this point there is no legal room for abolishing the option of temporary admittance of horses into the Union. However, the provisions stated in this Implementing Regulation are perceived as too laborious for the Competent Authority(CA). The commitment of the Commission towards adjusting the TRACES-system, to be able to send the needed notifications and requests to other Member States (as stated in art. 16, 2(b)) is an important condition for the Netherlands. This adjustment needs to be realised as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Netherlands would like to stress out that any future FVO-audits should take into account the laboriousness of the provisions for the CA, up until TRACES has been adjusted."

Vote taken: favourable opinion.