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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 16 DECEMBER 2014
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 Information on highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N2 in Canada.

The Commission presented the updated situation related to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Canada (in British Columbia) and the measures taken by the competent authorities. The Committee noted the situation and the risk for the neighbouring State of Washington in the United States of America.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising laboratories in China to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines.

The Commission presented the draft Decision aiming at authorising two laboratories from China to perform the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2000/572/EC as regards the reference to the Harmonised System (HS) in the model certificate for meat preparations and amending Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Israel 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.

Despite the efforts of the competent authorities, and the swift corrective action to deficiencies identified during a Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) inspection carried out in 2014, the situation as regards Newcastle Disease in Israel is still of concern. The scope of this draft Decision is to provide for a heat treatment reaching 70°C which ensures inactivation of Newcastle Disease virus, should it be present in meat

that is used for the manufacture of meat products from Israel to be exported to the Union.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries for Ukraine and Israel in the list of third countries, the approval of the control programme of Ukraine for Salmonella in laying hens, the import and transit of single small consignments of poultry, the veterinary certification requirements concerning Newcastle disease and processing requirements for egg products.

Three initial draft legal texts were merged into one. Some Member States raised the lack of animal welfare standards in the production of table eggs in third countries such as Ukraine.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation derogating from Union provisions on animal and public health governing the introduction of products of animal origin into the European Union as regards the introduction into the European Union of food of animal origin destined to EXPO 2015 in Milan (Italy).

The Commission presented to the Committee the draft Regulation which establishes derogations for the introduction into the Union of products of animal origin destined to EXPO 2015 and measures to be applied on those products after their introduction.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Italy.

The Commission presented the draft Decision concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Italy, which was discussed by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Canada in the list of third countries or parts thereof with respect to highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N2 in Canada.

The Commission explained that this draft Regulation is meant to regionalise Canada as regards import of poultry and poultry meat, following the detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks in a region of that country.

C.02 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Canada 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 with respect to the occurrence of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The Commission explained that this draft Decision is meant to regionalise Canada as regards import of meat products from poultry following detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a region of that country. Products from the concerned region need to undergo a heat treatment reaching 70°C, which ensures inactivation of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus.