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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 01 MARCH 2016 - 02 MARCH 2016  
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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**A.01 Information from the Commission on highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry in the United States.**

The Commission representative gave an update on the HPAI H7N8 situation in the State of Indiana in Dubois County. Following the first detection of that HPAI virus in a turkey fattening farm in mid-January, no further HPAI outbreaks were confirmed. Eight low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) outbreaks of the same subtype were detected in other farms in the same county. The HPAI virus seems to have evolved by mutation from the LPAI virus. That LPAI virus subtype has previously also been detected in wild birds. Poultry on HPAI and LPAI infected holdings were killed and cleaning and disinfection carried out.

**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 Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for China in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports in to the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised.**

The representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision which introduces a temporary recognition of an equine disease-free zone in the Metropolitan area of Shanghai, directly accessible from the nearby international airport, for the purposes of an equestrian event of the Global Champions Tour on 29 April – 1 May 2016, carried out under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). The draft Decision was prepared in order to allow for a limited period of time from that part of the territory of China the re-entry into the Union of registered horses after their

temporary export in accordance with the requirements of Commission Decision 93/195/EEC.

Therefore the date in column 15 of the table in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC for the region CN-2 of China has been adapted as follows: 'Valid from 15 April to 15 May 2016'.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 577/2013 as regards the models of animal health certificate for dogs, cats and ferrets moved into a Member State from a territory or a third country for non-commercial purposes.**

The Commission's representative presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation aiming at amending the certificate accompanying dogs, cats and ferrets moved with their owner from a territory or a third country to the Union in order to provide specific guidance to certifying officials as regards the verification of the results of blood tests proving effectiveness of the vaccination against rabies and the verification of the marking of those animals.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising laboratories in the United States of America to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines.**

The Commission's representative presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision aiming at authorising laboratories from Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and the US to perform the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the entry of Singapore in the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised.**

The Commission presented this draft implementing Regulation which adds Singapore to the list of third countries authorised for introduction of fresh meat into the EU. This is based on a request from Singapore and will provide for the possibility of transit through Singapore of fresh meat originating from New Zealand, for which New Zealand is authorised for introduction into the Union. To verify the procedures and control thereof in Singapore, the model veterinary certificate ("NZ-Transit-SG") is drawn up. The draft text was submitted to a vote and was supported unanimously by the Member States.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States of America 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 of the subtype H7N8.**

Regulation (EC) 798/2008 has been recently amended due to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H7N8 confirmed on 15/01/2016 in Dubois County in the State of Indiana. The US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) have now submitted satisfactory information with respect to the eradication of that single HPAI outbreak and have requested limiting the import restrictions into the Union of poultry commodities to Dubois and Martin Counties where veterinary restrictions continue to apply. Cleaning and disinfection has been carried out on HPAI and LPAI infected holdings as well as on those identified as dangerous contact farms. A date for lifting the import restrictions for the two restricted Counties should also be laid down. Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 as regards the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls on imports.**

The Commission presented the draft amendment to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 following the twenty-third quarterly review of the list of imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin which are subject to coordinated reinforced checks. The Commission explained that the changes that are put forward are the following:

- Listing of the following commodities:
  - a. Groundnuts and derived products (food and feed) – Madagascar – Aflatoxins
  - b. Palm oil (food) – Ghana –Sudan dyes
  - c. Lemons (food) – Turkey –Pesticide residues
- De-listing of the following commodities:

Aubergines and bitter melon – Dominican Republic – Pesticide residues

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.08 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.**

EU Member States have endorsed the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Decision 2011/163/EC on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by certain third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

This draft:

- adds: the Dominican Republic (honey), Falkland Islands (aquaculture), Saint Pierre and Miquelon (poultry), South Korea (poultry), Singapore (consignments of fresh meat originating from New Zealand, destined to the Union and being unloaded, reloaded and transited with or without storage through Singapore);
- deletes: Namibia (wild game), French Polynesia (honey).

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion.

**B.09 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission 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 Commission presented the draft SANCO/7106/2014 Rev.4 which was proposed for a technical vote and received a positive opinion from Member States at the PAFF meeting of September 2015 and was then subject of consultation with non EU countries exporting fresh horse meat, meat products and meat preparations containing it.

The Commission explained exhaustively the details of that consultation and concluded that the draft does not need to be amended in view of the comments received.

A long discussion with Member States followed, in which all aspects of the issue were examined and explained by the Commission in detail.

However, in absence of consensus within Member States, it was decided to postpone the vote.

**Vote postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat is authorised.**

The Commission presented this draft implementing Regulation which authorises new territories of Argentina and Brazil for the introduction of deboned and matured fresh meat of bovine and ovine animals into the EU. Those territories are already recognised by the OIE as foot-and-mouth disease free with vaccination. Furthermore, the regionalisation of Argentina will be simplified.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards 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 Commission presented this draft implementing Decision which will align the regionalisation of Argentina and Brazil applied for meat products from meat of domestic bovine animals, with the regionalisation applied in Regulation (EU) 206/2010 for import of fresh meat of domestic bovine animals. Furthermore a new part of Brazil will be authorised for the introduction into the Union of meat products from meat of domestic bovine animals subject to a full sterilization treatment (treatment "B").