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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 06 APRIL 2017 - 07 APRIL 2017
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 General Information related to third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information from the Commission on avian influenza in third countries.

The Commission informed delegations on the avian influenza situation in the United States. Particular reference was made to the regionalization of the country in relation to HPAI in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/481. Furthermore, the Commission drew the attention of Member States to the fact that, following the confirmation of LPAI in poultry in US, the veterinary authorities of US can only certify the second option in point 1.4 of Part II to the certificates for live poultry in Part 2 to Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 (also see point B.01_SANTE/7047/2017).

In addition, the Commission referred to the communication sent to Member States in relation to the avian influenza situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 1/2/2017 and informed delegations of the request submitted by that third country to be listed in Decision 2007/777/EC for the imports of poultry meat products.

A.03 Information on imports of certain birds into the Union during 2016.

The Commission reminded delegations of the obligation of Member States, in accordance with Article 17(2) of Regulation (EU) 139/2013, to report to the Commission on an annual basis information in relation to imports of captive birds into the Union. Member States were requested to submit the relevant information by the end of April 2017.

A.04 Update by the Commission on the situation in Brazil.

The Commission provided a short feedback on the Brazil case including the visit of Commissioner Andriukaitis to Brazil and the agreed reinforced checks on imports from Brazil.

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 Decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Algeria.

(SANTE/7047/2017)

The Commission presented a draft Decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the foot-and-mouth disease virus from Algeria.

Since 31 March 2017, Algeria has notified the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) of two outbreaks of FMD in cattle caused by a new virus strain in the north of the country.

FMD is one of the most contagious diseases of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. The virus causing the disease exists in seven distinct serotypes and many more strains and has the potential for rapid spread, notably through products obtained from infected animals and contaminated inanimate objects, such as livestock vehicles. The virus can also persist in a contaminated environment outside the host animal for several weeks depending on the temperature.

The proposed measures aim at ensuring proper cleansing and disinfection of means of transport (vehicles, vessels) coming directly from Algeria or from Algeria passing through Morocco or Tunisia prior to arrival in the EU.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in TRACES.

The Commission presented the draft Decision amending the list of border inspection posts in Spain, France and the Netherlands and certain changes to the list of Traces units in Ireland, Italy and Austria.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for competition after temporary export to Turkmenistan, amending Annex I to Decision 93/195/EEC as regards the entry for Turkmenistan and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Turkmenistan in the

list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised.

The objective of this Decision is to allow EU horses to participate in the equestrian events of the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games taking place in Ashgabat during the period 17 to 27 September 2017 and then return to the EU without problems. Based on the outcome of the Commission's mission to Turkmenistan which confirmed that all the arrangements have been done by the competent authority of Turkmenistan in order to ensure that the health status of EU registered horses participating in that equestrian events will not be compromised, the representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision setting up the health and certification conditions for the timely limited re-entry of EU competition horses from the aforementioned equestrian events, and amending accordingly the list of third countries from which introduction into the Union of equidae is authorized.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 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 representative of the Commission presented the document in its revision 5 and explained introduced changes, which are the outcome of the comments received from Member States and stakeholders, as compared with the version of the document presented during the PAFF Committee on 3 March 2017.

This draft Regulation will repeal and replace Commission Decisions 2004/211/EC, 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 2010/57/EC, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2010/471.

Once again some Member States provided the opinion that the procedure described in the draft Regulation for temporary admission of registered horses into the Union and for their subsequent movements within the Union, in particular the procedure for notification of those movements by using means of TRACES/ CVED, is too complex and burdensome for the competent authorities. Therefore, the Commission concluded that the document will be redrafted to reflect solution to Member States' considerations.

Vote postponed

B.05 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: Colombia (milk), Montenegro (milk) and Ukraine (rabbit).

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.06 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.

The Commission presented EU Member States 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.

The Commission's proposal will be presented for EU Member States' opinion at a next Committee.

Vote postponed