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Section *Controls and Import Conditions*
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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK (GB).

No item raised.

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 Regulation (EU) amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1641 regarding imports of live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for human consumption from the United States of America.

The Commission explained that the draft Commission Implementing Regulation is an amendment of the certificate of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1641 regarding imports of live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for human consumption from the United States of America. In particular, it amends the existing certificate for the imports of those products into the EU taking on board the requirements established with the entrance into force of the new Animal Health Law and the agreed proposed amendments. The proposed certificate annexed in the proposal is the outcome of the bilateral discussions at technical level between the EU and the United States authorities within the framework of the comprehensive bilateral agreement (EU-US) on equivalence of controls for live bivalve molluscs. It was noted that the animal health attestation added in the proposed certificate should accompany the live bivalve molluscs imported from the two approved US States and not the products (processed) originating from those bivalve molluscs. Further explanations were provided with regard to the format of the certificate and the comments received from Portugal and Spain, indicating in particular, that the necessary information for the import of those commodities is required in the

certificate in line with the EU rules for entry into the Union and the equivalence agreed with the US.

The Commission invited Member States to endorse the proposal and recalled that the adoption of the certificate represents also a market opening measure for resuming trade of molluscan shellfish, live and processed thereof, between the EU and the United States.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.