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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 05 DECEMBER 2014

(Section Controls and Import Conditions)

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A.01 Information on avian influenza of the subtype H5 in Canada

The Commission informed of two outbreaks of - meanwhile confirmed highly pathogenic - avian influenza subtype H5N2, reported in Canada in the province of British Columbia. The outbreaks concern a broiler breeder and a turkey farm. Canada has suspended certification of live poultry and certain poultry products from its territory for exports to the Union.

B.01 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 a revised draft document after inter service consultation. Given the modifications, Member States requested an extension to further discuss internally. Italy raised concern on the "destroying" of products not consumed at EXPO and suggested to introduce the "re-export" of these goods to their country of origin. Member States highlighted that the draft Regulation mainly concerns public health issues and proposed that discussion and vote be taken at the PAFF - Biological Safety of the Food Chain. The Commission confirmed that discussion and vote will be postponed to 16 December at the PAFF - Biological Safety of the Food Chain. The Commission invited Member States to send their comments to the revised draft possibly by Monday 8 December via email in view of their discussion in the Working Group on border inspection posts controls scheduled on 9 December 2014.

Vote postponed

B.02 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.

No discussion took place.

Vote postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing 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.

No discussion took place.

Vote postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision 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 and amending Decision 2000/572/EC as regards the alignment of the certification for imports of meat preparations with the harmonised system (HS) for customs codes.

No discussion took place.

Vote postponed

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the conditions and veterinary certification requirements for imports of single consignments consisting of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof.

No discussion took place.

Vote postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the conditions and veterinary certification requirements concerning Newcastle disease with respect to imports of certain poultry commodities from Israel and amending the veterinary certification requirements for egg products.

No discussion took place.

Vote postponed