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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 30 NOVEMBER 2016
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

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A.01 General Information related to Third Countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information from Germany on extending the minimum period for veterinary checks on transhipments destined to third countries from 7 to 14 days - Article 3 of Decision 2011/215/EU.

Germany presented to Member States a request to extend the minimum period from 7 to 14 days, in the ports of Bremerhaven and JadeWeserPort/Wilhelmshaven, for the transit of consignments of animal products originating from third countries and being directly transhipped to other third countries. This derogation is provided for in Article 3(2) of Decision 2011/215/EU. Germany explained the justification which led to this request and detailed the monitoring measures in place to ensure that the time periods are respected and that the consignments are intended for a third country without any further stop in the Union territory.

The proposal was accepted by the Commission's services prior to the presentation to the Member States in this Committee.

The Commission will inform Germany that no Member State objected to their proposal and that they can extend the minimum period in the ports of Bremerhaven and JadeWeserPort/Wilhelmshaven.

A.03 Presentation by Italy of national measures in place to prevent and follow-up on illegal movements of dogs and cats into Italy at Malpensa airport, in cooperation with customs.

Italy presented an example of good cooperation between customs and veterinary services responsible for the checks at Malpensa airport on dogs and cats entering the Union from non-EU countries.

Based on a joint operational agreement, Border Inspection Post (BIP) officers ensure a daily support to Malpensa customs, including training, perform physical checks where necessary and provide housing of animals in case of non-compliance pending their return to their country of provenance.

In order to ensure an effective control of the animals, Malpensa customs require airlines to notify the presence of dogs and cats accompanying passengers at the time of boarding.

Any repetitive irregularities detected by Malpensa customs are reported to the BIP staff which seeks support from the Local Veterinary Unit for further investigations.

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 Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2013/519/EU as regards the model animal health certificate for imports into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets.

The Commission's representative presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision aiming at amending the certificate accompanying dogs, cats and ferrets imported into 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.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 93/195/EEC as regards animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export to Mexico and the United States of America, and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for China and Mexico 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 representative of the Commission presented a draft Decision on the amendments of Decisions 93/195/EEC and 2004/211/EC. Those amendments aim at authorisation of re-entry into the Union of registered horses taking part in the equestrian events of the LG Global Champions Tour in Miami and in Mexico-City during the period of 30 March to 30 April 2017 and in Shanghai during the period of 20 April to 20 May 2017. It is possible to amend Decision 2004/211/EC since the venue in Shanghai is a purpose-built temporary construction and in Mexico the event takes place during the vector low season so less chance of infection. This draft is also introducing minor modifications in the existing specific health certificate for re-entry in Annex X to Decision 93/195/EEC. Because the exact dates of the competitions in Mexico and

Miami are still to be agreed by FEI it is also necessary to allow the use of the certificate independently from the sequence of the equestrian events.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards the official controls on fishery products caught by Union flagged vessels and introduced into Union territory after being transferred in non-Union countries and establishing a model of the health certificate for those products.

Several Member States provided comments and asked detailed questions, in particular to discuss the document in the Expert Group for veterinary checks on 07.12.2016. The Commission agreed to this proposal and announced that the document will be presented for an opinion in the next PAFF Committee on 13 December 2016.

Vote postponed

B.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards fishery products caught by Union Member State's flagged vessels and entering the Union territory after being transferred in non-Union countries.

The Commission explained that there is no legal basis for the derogation from full import controls and that BIPs will need to carry out documentary, identity and physical checks on these consignments. Therefore the document had to be withdrawn from the Agenda and will no longer be pursued.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements.

Item was withdrawn from this agenda.

Vote postponed

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising a laboratory in Morocco to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets.

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

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on a simplified procedure for amending the lists of Canadian establishments authorised to export equivalent products to the EU.

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Regulation and its annex that is going to allow for a simplified procedure for the listing of Canadian establishments that produce products for which equivalence has been established under the EU-Canada Veterinary Agreement. The new procedure once adopted, will foresee in an amendment of the listing procedure laid down in article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 and is conformable to the procedure endorsed last year for New Zealand establishments under similar conditions by Commission Implementing Decision 2015/1084. The Commission informed that the EU-Canada Joint Management Committee, at its meeting on 17-18 November in Bratislava, had made a recommendation endorsing the draft measure.

M.01 Information by the UK on U.S. Zoo

The United Kingdom informed that under the procedure in Article 3a to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, they have approved the introduction of animals belonging to the genera *Potamochoerus* from the Oklahoma City zoo. Risk assessment is available on the DEFRA website.

M.02 HPAI outbreak in Russia.

The Commission informed that Russia has sent a communication on 25/11/2016 about the confirmation of an outbreak of HPAI in its territory. The Commission reminded Member States that due to the HPAI outbreak as from 17 November 2016 Russia is not in the position to sign certificates for imports into the Union of poultry meat and other poultry products where certification requires freedom of the country of origin from HPAI.

The Commission asked Member States to inform their border inspection points (BIP) that consignments of relevant commodities accompanied by certificates signed after 17/11/2016 (date of outbreak confirmation) should not be accepted.