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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by third countries.

No item raised.

A.02 Information point on EU-UK readiness and preparedness as from 1 January 2021.

The Commission answered several questions asked by the Member States on the future SPS legislation implemented by the UK as from 01.01.2021. It was clarified that, according to the UK announcements, the model certificates to be used for their imports of animals and animal products from the EU should be published in early December.

The participants were reminded that further information, and in particular about the use of the UK system IPAFFS and of the unique notification number (UNN), can be found in the UK guidance "Border Operating Model" available at the following web page: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model.

A.03 Border Control Posts for food and feed of non animal origin from Switzerland.

The Commission presented the difficulties encountered by Swiss exports of food of non-animal origin as there is no Border Control Post able to perform the necessary controls at the EU/Swiss border. The Swiss representative precised that it is particularly problematic for products originating in third countries and subject to reinforced controls (Regulation 2019/1793) and as the Swiss BCPs of Geneva and Zurich are able to perform the controls would the EU accept the Swiss controls. Commission replied this would reported to the hierarchy.

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 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) Nos 2016/429 and 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model official certificates and animal health certificates for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation for final vote and acceptance to proceed with written procedure. The Commission explained general situation regarding necessity to introduce certain changes in that Regulation and explained scope, structure, content and requirements established in that Regulation. Commission provide clarification to the questions raised by Member States and in particular in relation to signature used for different kind of certificates, some requirements in certificates for products where traded milk products are used, requirements of some criteria which do not require replacement certificate for consignments and possibility to submit comments for revision of draft Implementing Regulation. Member States agreed to continue adoption process by written procedure.

Vote Postponed: Written Consultation

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C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products, products of animal origin is permitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Commission presented to Member States the draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin falling within the scope of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is permitted, pursuant Article 230(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429. The Commission explained the approach taken to lay down those lists, which are mostly taking over the content of the lists currently in force, and the main changes with respect to the current approach.

M.01 Rules on non-commercial movement of pet birds into a Member State from a territory or third country.

The Commission informed Member States that there is a delay in the adoption of the delegated and implementing acts under Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 laying down permanent rules for the non-commercial movement of pet birds into the Union from a territory or third country. The protection measures laid down in Decision 2007/25/EC should, therefore, be prolonged until permanent rules are in place. A draft prolonging Decision 2007/25/EC until 31/12/2021 will soon be submitted for vote.