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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 2 & 3 JUNE 2008
(Section Animal Health and Welfare)
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)
(Section Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain)**

Presidents: Alberto Laddomada, Patricia Brunko, Eric Poudelet, Paul Van Geldorp.

On 2 June: all the Member States were present.

On 3 June in the morning: Cyprus and Malta were absent and not represented.

On 3 June in the afternoon: Malta was absent and not represented and the following Member States were partly absent but represented: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania and Poland.

1. Information on Russian import conditions for animals and products of animal origin.

Discussed.

2. Bluetongue situation: information from the Member States on the epidemiological situation and on vaccination.

Discussed.

3. Information on the vaccination plan against avian influenza in Portugal.

Postponed.

4. Information by Slovakia on the classical swine fever situation.

Discussed.

5. Information by Romania on the classical swine fever control programme.

Discussed.

6. Information by Bulgaria on the classical swine fever situation.

Discussed.

7. General report on welfare at the time of slaughter and killing. (Doc. SANCO/7974/2008)

Discussed.

8. Information on import of fishery products from Uruguay.

Discussed.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Community and in third countries.

No item raised.

10. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision approving the emergency vaccination plans against bluetongue of certain Member States and fixing the level of the Community's financial contribution for 2007 and 2008. (Doc. SANCO/1589/2008 former 10250R3)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 36 votes absent but represented.

11. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 as regards the conditions for exempting certain animals of susceptible species from the exit ban provided for in Council Directive 2000/75/EC. (Doc. SANCO/1519/2008 – Rev.1)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 34 votes abstained, 17 votes absent but represented.

12. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision laying down quarantine conditions for aquaculture animals. (Doc. SANCO/1319/2008 – rev.3) (previously SANCO/10388/2007)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 10 votes abstained, 7 votes absent but represented.

13. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision laying down a list of disease free areas, surveillance and eradication programmes, models for Member States declarations and applications for disease-freedom and surveillance and eradication programmes as regards aquatic animal diseases and certain transitional measures for the implementation of Council Directive 2006/88/EC. (Doc. SANCO/1141/2008 – rev.1)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 7 votes absent but represented.

14. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending Council Directive 82/894/EEC on the notification of animal diseases within the Community to include certain diseases in the list of notifiable diseases and to delete Porcine enterovirus encephalomyelitis (PEE) from that list. (Doc.SANCO/10089/2007 – Rev.3)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 27 votes abstained, 81 votes absent but represented.

15. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2005/176/EC laying down the codified form and the codes for the notification of animal diseases pursuant to Council Directive 82/894/EEC. (Doc. SANCO/1660/2008)

Vote: postponed.

16. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2008/155/EC as regards certain embryo collection and production teams in Canada and the United States. (Doc. SANCO/1317/2008 – Rev.2)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent, 27 votes abstained, 48 votes absent but represented.

17. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2007/27/EC adopting certain transitional measures concerning deliveries of raw milk to processing establishments and the processing of

this milk in Romania with regard to the requirements of Regulation (EC) Nos 852/2004 and 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (Doc. SANCO/1419/2008)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent.

18. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending Commission Decision 2006/236/EC on special conditions governing fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption. (Doc. SANCO/1271/08 – rev.1)

Vote: qualified majority in favour, 3 votes absent.

18A. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of antimicrobial substances to remove surface contamination from poultry carcasses. (Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament) (Doc. SANCO/604/2008)

Vote: unfavourable opinion, 29 votes abstained, 316 votes against.

18B. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission Decision replacing Commission Decision 2008/388/EC of 23 May 2008 imposing special conditions governing the import of sunflower oil originating in or consigned from Ukraine due to contamination risks by mineral oil. (Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament) (Doc. SANCO/1712/2008 – Rev.4)

Vote: unanimous in favour.

19. Exchange of views on a Draft Commission Regulation amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) 21/2004 and establishing transitional provisions for the start-up period of the system. (Doc. SANCO/1427/2008)

Discussed.

20. Exchange of views on a Draft Commission Decision on emergency measures suspending imports from Malaysia of fishery products intended for human consumption. (Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament) (Doc. SANCO/01679/2008)

Discussed.

21. Exchange of views on a Draft Commission Decision on emergency measures suspending imports from Malaysia of certain live fish. (Doc. SANCO/01680/2008)

Discussed.

22. Exchange of views on a Draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2008/285/EC concerning emergency vaccination against low pathogenic avian influenza in mallard ducks in Portugal and certain measures restricting the movements of such poultry and their products. (SANCO/1469/2008)

Discussed.

23. Exchange of views on a Draft Commission Decision on guidelines on the Member States implementation of the risk based animal health surveillance scheme provided for in Article 10 of Council Directive 2006/88/EC. (Doc. SANCO/1756/2008 - previously SANCO/10158/2007)

Discussed.

Miscellaneous

- In the afternoon of 3 June, the British representative mentioned that an outbreak of avian influenza H7 was detected on the same day in a poultry holding in Oxfordshire and that laboratory tests were ongoing to establish if the virus in question was a low pathogenic or a highly pathogenic one.
- **Document SANCO/01240/2008 – Rev.1:** during the previous meeting of this Committee, held on 7 and 8 May 2008 (agenda item number 9A), Member States gave their technical agreement on that document. The Commission asked Member States if they agree to transform their technical agreement into a formal opinion. All Member States agreed.
- The Commission reminded the Member States to send the information requested in Annex IV of Commission Regulation 745/2004 on personal imports of products of animal origin and the questionnaire prepared by EFSA in relation to bees.
- **The following documents were distributed for information:**

SANCO/1727/2008: Counting Days for Certification Purposes.

Animal Health and Standing Committees – DG SANCO Unit D1 Activity Report 2007.