



**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH  
HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2008 IN BRUSSELS  
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)  
(Section Animal Health and Animal Welfare)**

Chairmen: Eric Pondelet & Tom Golden

- 1. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the committee on a Draft Commission Decision amending the Annex to Commission Decision 2007/453/EC establishing the BSE status of Member States or third countries or regions thereof according to their BSE risk (SANCO/2139/2008 rev1) (See point 8 of the 15 July 2008 SCFCAH)**

During the OIE<sup>1</sup> General Session in May 2008, a Resolution was adopted relating to the BSE status of different countries. The Annex to Decision 2007/753/EC should therefore be brought in line with the recommendations of the Resolution of the OIE. Pending a final conclusion on the BSE risk status of certain Member States and taking into account the harmonised stringent BSE protective measures applied within the Community, those Member States should remain provisionally recognised as countries with a controlled BSE risk.

Vote: in favour at unanimity

- 2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the committee on a draft Commission Decision concerning the financing of an analysis of the expected costs and benefits of a Community target for reduction of *Salmonella* in pigs (SANCO/1928/2008)**

The purpose of this draft Decision is to make a budget available in order to issue a contract with a third party on the analysis of the expected cost and benefits of setting a target for reduction of *Salmonella* in pigs.

Vote: in favour at unanimity

- 3. Exchange of views and possible agreement of the committee on a Draft Commission Regulation laying down a list of third countries for imports and transit through the Community of meat of wild leporidae, farmed rabbits and wild land mammals and the veterinary certification requirements thereof (SANCO/1823/2008 Rev. 2)**

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<sup>1</sup> World Organisation for Animal Health, [http://www.oie.int/fr/fr\\_index.htm](http://www.oie.int/fr/fr_index.htm)



The Commission took note of comments from the Member States and will amend the draft accordingly for the vote in the afternoon.

The committee expressed its agreement on the draft.

**4. Exchange of views on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 2160/2003 and 1003/2005 as regards the control and testing of *Salmonella* in flocks of breeding hens of *Gallus gallus* and breeding turkeys (SANCO/1932/2008)**

In light of the monitoring results in the Member States, it is considered not necessary to review the Community target for reduction of the prevalence of certain *Salmonella* serotypes in breeding flocks of *Gallus gallus*. However the testing scheme should be reviewed to take into account practical difficulties to carry out the sampling and new information on the sensitivity of testing schemes.

Moreover, this proposal includes breeding turkeys in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003.

The Commission intends to take a vote on this proposal at the 14 October 2008 SCFCAH meeting.

**Miscellaneous / Divers**

- France inquired on the status of melamine contamination in China and gave an update on the situation further to information just received from by the French embassy in China.
- France and Belgium inquired on the status of milk products with regard to residues. The Commission explained that before the ruling on the Bowland case, no action should be carried out on antibiotic residues in milk. Belgium asked for some clarification on a letter from the Commission on products from Australia. A reply will be sent to all Member States after consultation of the issue within SANCO.
- Finland asked why the Commission does not pursue the baseline survey for salmonella and campylobacter in broilers. The Commission explained that it is more appropriate to first wait for the results and conclusions of current studies.
- The Commission informed the committee that based on the two EFSA opinions a revised programme for the BSE surveillance would increase the age of BSE tests in healthy and risk animals up to 48 months. This revised programme will however only be possible for Member States which comply with the eligibility criteria laid down in EU legislation. The evaluation of the applications is ongoing.

(signed)  
Eric Pondelet  
Acting Director

N.B. The proposals on which the Committee expressed an opinion are subject to a defined procedure in relation to the formal adoption by the Commission.