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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 1 & 2 MARCH 2011
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

President: Alberto Laddomada.

25 Member States were present. Cyprus and Luxembourg were absent but represented.

1. State of play of the discussion with Russia on certifications for export.

The Commission informed that a meeting with the Potsdam group is scheduled on 14 February 2011.

2. Update on the Newcastle disease situation in Israel. (Doc. SANCO/7040/2011)

The Commission representative briefly summarised the contents of the distributed document. 29 Newcastle disease outbreaks have occurred since 15/12/2010. The affected poultry categories in descending order are broilers, laying hens, backyard flocks and broiler breeders. Israel implements disease control measures equivalent to those in Council Directive 92/66/EEC on EU control measures for that disease. Therefore in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 798/2008, exports of poultry commodities may continue provided those do not originate from areas which have been placed under veterinary restrictions by the Israeli authorities.

3. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards transshipment at the border inspection post of introduction of consignments intended for import into the Union or for third countries. (Doc. SANCO/13468/2010) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

The purpose of this draft Implementing Decision is to extend the seven-day-period to 14 days for the derogation from veterinary checks on consignments of animal products in direct transit to third countries being transhipped in a Union portal border inspection post (BIP) directly to a third country.

The Commission explained that an amendment to Decision 2000/25/EC was initially planned but the Legal Service of the Commission suggested repealing that Decision, to align it to the new comitology procedures and to prepare a new Decision clarifying the

rules for transshipments for import, for transit through the Union territory and for direct transit to third countries. The Commission informed that the Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) had commented that the proposed extension should not be taken up to due to inadequate controls applied by certain Member States and that such a situation could lead to disadvantages for the economic operators. The Commission clarified that the draft proposal contains legal provisions for Member States applying for the extension to justify this by developing a suitable monitoring system to ensure that consignments are not being allowed to move to other Union ports instead of directly to third countries. This justification together with details of the monitoring system should be explained to Member States in this Committee and will be monitored by the Commissions' inspection service, the Food and Veterinary Office, during their audits related to import controls in border inspection posts. Based on a request from a Member State, the application date was anticipated to 1st May 2011.

Vote: qualified majority by 298 votes in favour, 47 votes abstained, Cyprus represented by Greece and Luxembourg by Belgium.

4. Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the requirements for the introduction into the European Union of certain ungulates intended for approved bodies, institutes or centres. (Doc. SANCO/4755/2009 – Rev. 3) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Regulation which lays down the import requirements for ungulates originating from approved bodies, institutes and centres and are intended for such bodies, institutes and centres in the EU. Several Member States made comments on the draft. The Member States were invited to provide any further comments they may have on the draft in writing.