SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN VIENNA ON 19 MAY 2006
(Section Animal Health and Welfare)

Emergency meeting organised in the framework of
a Council's Chief Veterinary Officers meeting

President: Bernard Van Goethem

1. Information in relation to the avian influenza situation in Denmark

2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the committee on a draft Commission Decision amending Commission Decision 2006/135/EC as regards the establishment of areas A and B in certain Member States due to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (Document SANCO/10385/2006)

After notification of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza A virus of subtype H5N1 in poultry on its territory, Denmark has taken the appropriate measures in accordance with Decision 2006/135/EC. This proposal intends to establish areas A and B in Denmark and to fix the duration of this regionalisation. Furthermore in view of the evaluation of the epidemiological situation in Sweden and Germany, regionalisation is no longer necessary in these Member States.

Vote: in favour at unanimity

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.

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