Chairman: Mr Koen Van Dyck

27 Member States were present. Malta was absent and was represented by Italy.

A.01 Update by the Commission and Member States on multinational foodborne outbreaks of Hepatitis A in 2013

This point was presented and discussed.

A.02 Information and discussion on the certification of gelatine traded within the EU for further export to a third country

The outcome of the discussions shows a willingness to discuss possible options.

A.03 Official controls in primary production. Presentation of preliminary findings

The Food and Veterinary Office presented the findings based on the audit in Member States and Third Countries, including new rules on sprouts production and certification. The Commission announced the intention to require additional testing on imported seeds and dedicated future working group on official controls in the primary production.

A.04 Guidance Document on VTEC

The Member States welcomed the guidance document on VTEC and found out it is a good basis for discussion.

A.05 Information and possible endorsement of a guidance on the public health requirements (hygiene Regulations) on imports of food of animal origin into the European Union (see point A2 of the SCFCAH of 17 September 2013)

Information on EU rules for import of food of animal origin for which no full harmonisation applies (listing of country, listing of establishment, certificate) has been presented. The draft was updated based on comments received from Member States. Still some concerns from some Member States.
Endorsement postponed.

**A.06 Presentation of the guidelines on Composite Products**

The draft guideline on Composite Products has been presented. The Committee was informed that the draft guideline was already discussed in a working group on import controls. No mayor comments from Member States.


The draft Commission Regulation lays down specific requirements for handling large wild game in order to facilitate the trade of large unskinned game between Member States.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion by qualified majority (320 votes in favour, 12 votes against, 20 abstentions)

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on emergency measures suspending temporarily imports from Bangladesh of foodstuff containing or consisting of Piper betle**

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation suspends temporarily imports from Bangladesh of foodstuff containing or consisting of Piper betle (leaf of a vine which is mostly consumed raw as betel quid or paan) due to numerous notifications of Salmonella contamination.

**Vote taken:** unanimous in favour.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on a model certificate for the trade of unskinned large wild game. (See point B2 of the SCFCAH of 19 November 2013)**

The draft Commission Regulation lays a model certificate for the trade of large unskinned game between Member States (see point B.01.).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion by qualified majority (320 votes in favour, 12 votes against, 20 abstentions)

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending annexes V, VII, VIII, IX and X to Regulation (EC) NO 999/2001**

The draft was discussed in view to proceed to technical modification in the current EU legislation in line with OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health). The draft
also proposed an alignment of the analytical method to the recommendations of the EURL for Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. There was no major objections by Member States on the draft Commission Regulation.

**M.01** Belgium requested a derogation to process cattle feet outside the slaughterhouse.

**M.02** Estonia requested update on hygiene package review to be provided.

**M.03** Ireland raised the point on shortage of pepsine for trichinella testing