C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing safeguard measures relating to Chronic Wasting Disease.

The Commission announced its intention to launch the safeguard measures on trade of live cervids from Norway and invited Member States to provide views in general on the measures.

Norway supports the measures and is already fully implementing similar measures. It highlighted that a risk assessment has just been published and stressed the conclusion that the zoonotic risk of CWD was considered to be very low. One Member State expressed support for the pragmatic approach.

Another Member State asked if there are sufficient guarantees that the animals will not move further from Finland and Sweden to other Member. Robustness of the proposal on this point will be checked.