Chairman: K. Van Dyck

All Member States were represented.

1. **Presentation of the outcome of a mission carried out in Germany by the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) in order to review the measures taken in response to a recent contamination of feed with dioxins.**

Following the presentation of the outcome of the FVO mission in Germany regarding the dioxin incident, the Commission's representative presented the statement acknowledging the work done by Germany and to end the emergency situation of the dioxin incident. Some Member States asked some time to discuss the issue at home. The Commission informed that the statement will be presented at the Standing Committee meeting on 22 February 2011 in order to reach consensus on this statement.

2. **EFSA call for data on Salmonella in turkeys.**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) presented a request for reporting data on Salmonella serotypes in turkeys within the annual report in accordance with Directive 99/2003/EC. EFSA requires the additional information for answers to the terms of reference of a mandate to its Biohaz panel concerning the public health impact of Salmonella from turkeys. No objections were raised from the Member States.

3. **Information by Germany on the state of play concerning the recent case of dioxin contamination.**

Following the presentation made at the Standing Committee meeting on 19 January 2011, the German authorities provided an update on the dioxin contamination incident including information on the remaining blocked farms. Germany confirmed that no animals of blocked farms can go for slaughter for human consumption. If animals cannot be kept on the farm, they are killed and destroyed.

4. **Exchange of views on the application of a Listeria criterion to fresh fish.**

Despite a presentation during the Standing Committee of 20 October 2010, certain Member States continue to apply national food safety criteria such as a criterion on *Listeria* in raw fish. The Commission presented the key message again:
• Member States should refrain from national food safety criteria unless agreed on after notification
• If there is a need for additional food safety criteria, such criteria should be laid down at EU level (Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005)
• Tools are available for exceptional situations/emergencies but should not be used as national criteria

A number of Member States and Norway endorsed the position of the Commission and indicated not to be in favour of a EU food safety criterion for *Listeria* in raw fish. The Commission further clarified that the criterion applies if the raw fish is placed on the market for consumption without treatment (e.g. sushi) as in this case it is ready-to-eat food.

5. **Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on the interim protection measures taken by Hungary as regards the organisation of official controls in relation to dioxin contamination and the placing on the market of fresh and frozen pork meat, pork meat products and live pigs introduced into Hungary.**
   (doc. SANCO/10337/2010) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the European Parliament; legal basis: Art. 54(2) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002)
   
   At the request of the Hungarian delegation and following adoption of Resolution No. 3/2011 of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Hungary dated 9 February 2011 and repealing Resolution No. 2/2011, point 5 was withdraw from the Agenda.

6. **Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2009/719/EC authorising certain Member States to revise their annual BSE monitoring programmes.**
   (doc. SANCO/13346/2010) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the European Parliament; legal basis: Art. 6(1b) of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001)
   
   The draft Decision amends the BSE surveillance programme of 22 Member States (excluding Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia). The draft aims to raise the age limit for BSE testing as from 1 July 2011 and to reduce testing as from 1 January 2013 to a sample size. The exact sample size and age limit for testing will be defined at a later stage.
   
   **Vote:** Qualified majority in favour.

   (doc. SANCO/12467/2010) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the European Parliament; legal basis: Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003, art. 10(2)) (See point 6 of 21 December 2010 SCFCAH)
   
   The draft Regulation was presented by the Commission. The objectives were to extent the import from Croatia to all populations of poultry (*Gallus gallus*) following the approval of the Croatian national Salmonella control programmes and to clarify the import certificates regarding the import-code for cooked eggs in shell and the inclusion of turkeys.
Vote: Favourable opinion by unanimity.


The draft Decision was presented by the Commission. The objective is to withdraw the approval of the Salmonella control programme of Tunisia, thus to prohibit import of hatching eggs and day-old chicks for breeding purposes to the Union.

Vote: Favourable opinion by unanimity.