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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information related to third countries.

No item raised.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in third countries.

No item raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the list of Brazilian establishments from which imports into the Union of fishery products intended for human consumption are permitted.

The Commission presented a draft on the delisting of all Brazilian establishments from which imports of fishery products are permitted. The measure is related to serious deficiencies with regard to infrastructure and hygiene requirements detected by a Commission inspection in September 2017.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 92/260/EEC and 93/197/EEC as regards the testing for equine viral arteritis.

The objective of this Decision is to align the test procedures for equine viral arteritis in EU import legislation for equidae to those recommended by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). The Commission presented the modifications made in the document which took into account the comments from Member States received after the first presentation at the PAFF Committee on 17-18 April 2018. One Member State, whose written comments had been incorporated in the revision, abstained because the test is not used in that Member State and for animal welfare considerations.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.

The purpose of this exercise is to update every six months the Commission Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by certain third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC. Indeed this Commission Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of residue monitoring plans is being revised taking into account the new requests: this time there is one addition i.e. Bosnia and Herzegovina (bovine, ovine and porcine meat) and one deletion, Greenland (wild game).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Germany: Import of aquaculture animals in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008.

Germany raised a query in relation to the import of shrimp larvae from India or Singapore for further farming in the EU. They have been requested to pose the query by their shrimp producers. The Commission explained that the only country currently listed for imports of crustaceans under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 is the USA. It is understood that the US suppliers are no longer in a position to sell post larval shrimp to the EU; but in order for alternative suppliers to be found in Southeast Asia for example, that country must first be listed under Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008. The protocol for a third country to become listed was described with the caveat that this process involves a significant amount of paperwork plus a potential audit, so it should not be expected to be a short process. Germany asked if any other Member State had an interest in this trade but no other Member State indicated they had.

M.02 Information by FR on a suspicion of SHB (TBC).

France reported about two suspicions of the presence of small-hive-beetle (SHB) eggs on consignments of queen bees from Argentina. In both cases the presence of SHB was ruled out. France mentioned the difficulty of diagnosis due to absence of a specific test for SHB on eggs. In the second suspicion case, France informed that the importer did not respect the import procedures laid down in Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. The Commission highlighted the effectiveness of the import measures in place and asked Member States to do their best to keep beekeepers informed about import procedures and connected AH risks. The Commission also asked to be informed promptly by Member States in case of such suspicions.

M.03 Personal imports: new posters.

The Commission distributed two new poster models which contain the same text as the ones already published in Annex to Regulation (EU) No 206/2009 but with a new lay-out. The intention is to add the new models to that Regulation. The Commission asked Member States to send their comments on the graphic lay-out of such posters.