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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 1 & 2 JUNE 2010
(Section Controls and Import Conditions)**

Chair: Alberto Laddomada.

All the Member States were present. Greece was partly absent but represented and Cyprus was partly absent.

1. State of play of the discussion with Russia on certifications for export.

The Commission's representative reported on the state of play of discussions on BSE certification and bluetongue requirements in case of exports of vaccinated animals and on the requirements for dairy establishments. Member States were informed that the previously communicated standards for meat products are outdated therefore, new standards will be issued. Furthermore, they were informed about the requirements of the certificate for composite products.

Concerning the EU-harmonised export certificates, Member States are expected to send comments to the Commission on three certificates (for hides and skins, porcine semen and feed of non-animal origin). From 1 June the current transitional measure for certificates ends. The date of entry into force of the new certificates agreed in April 2010, will be confirmed.

Member States were requested to send their comments on the SPS part of the EU-RF (Russian Federation) new agreement by the end of the week.

2. Information from the Commission on the detection of small hive beetle in Hawaii.

The Commission's representative informed that, the US authorities have informed the Commission that the certification used for the export of bees from Hawaii is suspended. The last consignment of live queen bees from Hawaii was introduced into the EU in the UK on 7 May 2010 (data from TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System)). So far no signs of infestation were detected.

- 2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation laying down lists of third countries and import health certification requirements for certain products of animal origin for human consumption and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005. (Regulatory procedure with scrutiny of the European Parliament and of the Council) (Legal base: Directive 2002/99/EC and Regulation (EC) No 854/2004) (Doc. SANCO/7061/2009 –Rev. 4A)**

Revision 3 of the draft Regulation was presented at the meeting of this Committee held on 3-4 May 2010 ([see item 5 of that agenda](#)). Since then, Member States have sent comments which were taken into account for the preparation of Revisions 4 and 4A (distributed at the meeting). Member States were asked to send any comments by email to the Commission with the intention to present it for an opinion at the next meeting of this Committee.

Vote: postponed.

- 3. Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the requirements for the introduction into the European Union of certain ungulates, bees, bumble bees and other invertebrates, bats, lagomorphs and carnivores. (Doc. SANCO/4755/2009 – Rev. 2)**

The Commission's representative explained that document SANCO/4755/2009 – Rev.2 was not sent to the Member States in advance of this meeting as it is the same version with the one presented at the meeting of this Committee of 3-4 May 2010 ([see item 6 of the agenda of that meeting](#)). The Commission has forwarded it to the stakeholders for their comments with deadline the 15th of June. Additional comments from Member States should be sent to the Commission by that date also.

Answering to a question raised by a Member State, the Commission informed that there is no intention to organise another working group meeting to discuss this document unless the comments to be sent to the Commission worth for one. There were already working groups on this in the past and Member States were given sufficient time to comment on the draft Regulation.

- 4. Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 laying down a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements as regards the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease. (Doc. SANCO/7077/2010)**

Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 provides that the commodities covered by it are only to be imported into and transited through the Union from the third countries, territories, zones or compartments listed in the table in Part I thereto. That Regulation also lays down specific conditions in relation to the use of vaccination against Newcastle disease in these listed third countries, territories, zones or

compartments from where imports into the EU may take place. General and specific criteria for the use of live and inactivated vaccines against Newcastle disease are laid down in Annex VI.

In view of the technical progress made in relation to the manufacture of vaccines, in particular as concerns modern inactivation techniques, it appears opportune to modify the current EU requirements for inactivated vaccines. Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

The Commission's representative presented the document and asked Member States to send their comments.

5. Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, which lays down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements. (Doc. SANCO/7044/2009 – Rev. 1)

The draft document was presented at the last meeting of this Committee held on 3 & 4 May ([see item 4 of that agenda](#)). Then, Member States were informed that the draft would be presented for an opinion in this Committee, however, this is not possible as after the introduction of some changes it is still under internal consultation. It will be presented for vote in one of the next meetings of this Committee in June, in another section. The final version of the draft will be communicated to the Member States as soon as it is ready.