

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 19-20 OCTOBER 2011

Note by the Secretariat¹

Addendum

Please note that in document G/SPS/R/64, Item IV(b)(xvi) has been omitted and should read as follows:

IV SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (G/SPS/GEN/204/REV.11)

(b) Issues Previously Raised

(xvi) Indonesia's Import Restrictions on Meat Products and Recognition of Principle of Regionalization - Concerns of Brazil (No. 305)

1. Brazil recalled that it had raised this concern in numerous occasions, in the Committee and during bilateral meetings. Brazil requested that Indonesia take the necessary measures to guarantee the recognition of the principle of regionalization. In April 2009 Indonesia had notified to the WTO (G/SPS/N/IDN/40) the Law n°18/2009 which, if enforced, would have allowed recognition of Food-and-Mouth Disease-Free Zones. In August 2010 however, Indonesian courts had cancelled that aspect of the legislation, and on 18 November 2010, Indonesia had submitted a notification (G/SPS/N/IND/43) which did not recognize the principle of regionalization and which prohibited imports of meat from FMD-free zones. Brazil noted that the regulation had come into force as Decree 50/Permentan/OT.140/9/2011, and that the final text did not modify the import system for meats. Hence despite OIE standards, Indonesia still did not recognize the regionalization principle and prohibited the importation of meat from FMD Free Zones. Brazil asked that Indonesia take all necessary measures to guarantee the revision of Decree 50/Permentan/OT.140/9/2011, in order to comply with multilateral rules.

2. Indonesia replied that the issue had been discussed extensively during bilateral meetings. Indonesia noted that in the Law n° 18/2009, the import regulations on animal and animal products had been amended from zone-based to country-based to protect Indonesia from threats posed by countries which had FMD. With regards to the sanitary requirements for the import of live cattle, beef and its by-products, imports could only originate from a country with a disease-free status. Indonesia noted that it was considering a new revision of its import regulations.

* In English only.

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