

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 30-31 MARCH 2011

Note by the Secretariat¹

Corrigendum²

The following paragraphs should be corrected as follows:

8. The representative of the Dominican Republic raised an issue concerning EU Regulation 669 of 2009, under which seven products exported from the Dominican Republic had been under intensified import checks for pesticide residues. The representative noted that EU authorities had not found further violations for two of these products, bananas and mangoes, yet they remained subject the intensified controls.

10. In response to the issue raised by the Dominican Republic, the representative of the European Union indicated that Regulation 669 was reviewed on a quarterly basis and that products that were found to be in conformity with the legislation, over a period of time, were released from the need for increased import controls. Indeed, with respect to mangoes, the intensified import checks would be ended as of 1 April 2011, due to the fact that these products now complied fully with EU legislation.

55. The representatives of the European Union, Norway and Switzerland stated that there were no Codex MRLs for ractopamine and that in the absence of international standards, they did not accept imported products treated with ractopamine.

58. ~~The representative of the European Union also informed the Committee that with regards to the concern raised by the Dominican Republic on import restrictions on mangoes, those import checks would be lifted from 1 April.~~

72. The representative of Chile reported that Chile was working with the European Union on two issues relating to equivalence as outlined in their Plan of Action Agreement, namely molluscs and packages of bees.

157. The representative of the European Union recalled that in accordance with the Committee's working procedures, the European Union should have been informed at least ten days in advance of the meeting of the intention to raise such a specific trade concern. As this had not been the case, the European Union would not reply in detail to the concern raised in the formal meeting. The representative of the European Union stated, however, that the matter had already been discussed bilaterally with China in the margins of the meeting that same morning and that another bilateral meeting with Hong Kong, China was being set up to take place before the next Committee meeting.

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² The document G/SPS/R/62/Corr.1, dated 6 June 2011, exists in English only.