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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... of 30.1.2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin <i>- Intention not to raise objections</i>

Statement of Latvia

The border of Latvia with Belarus and the Russian Federation is a part of the external border of the EU and we fully understand the concerns expressed by Poland.

Latvia has two border inspection posts approved for the import of live animals - Terehova on the border with the Russian Federation (approved for the veterinary control of ungulates and other animals E; O) and Pāternieki on the border with Belarus (approved for the veterinary control of all animal categories E; U; O). As Poland has already indicated, these third countries are not authorised for imports of ungulates to the EU.

Latvia considers that it is necessary to amend the Article 178 of the Regulation and lay down provisions for consignments of animals rejected by a third country at the first border inspection post where the third country is not on the list of countries from which import of animals into the EU is authorized and rejection is not based on the animal health grounds.

Latvia would like to draw attention to the importance of ensuring welfare in accordance with the EU requirements for animals in case of consignment rejection. Animal welfare could be endangered if the decision on action cannot be made and implemented in the shortest possible time and without adequate infrastructure near the border.

Taking into account the provided concerns and justification, Latvia would like to object to this delegated act.
