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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 15 JANUARY 2015  
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), as regards Member States with BSE negligible risk status.**

The Commission presented again the revised version of the text, in the form which had been discussed at the meeting of the Biological Safety of the Food Chain Committee on 16th December 2014. The draft Regulation maintains a limited list of Specified Risk Materials (SRM) for Member States with negligible BSE risk. The limited list of SRM for Member States with BSE negligible risk includes the skull, the brain, the spinal cord and the eyes of bovine animals above 12 months.

Contrary to the situation during the December PAFF Committee, a Member State previously against it now supported the draft, others did not change their opinion.

As regards small ruminants, a Member State mentioned a recently published scientific article which brings new information as regards the zoonotic potential of scrapie. The Commission stated that it was aware of this study and had sent a new mandate to the European Food Safety Association (EFSA) to review the robustness of this study and assess whether the previous conclusions on absence of evidence of zoonotic potential of scrapie should be revised. For this reason, the Commission could support to split its current proposal into 2 parts: the first part focusing on bovine tissues only, to be adopted as soon as possible, and the second part dealing with small ruminants, for which discussions would be delayed in order to wait for the outcome of this new EFSA mandate.

The Commission stated that it would distribute written information on a revised draft, on which all Member States would be asked to comment by the end of the month. The intention was to find a balanced compromise solution.

## **Vote postponed**

### **C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the use of recycled hot water to remove microbiological surface contamination from carcasses.**

The draft Regulation was discussed again but technical questions were raised by some Member States. The Commission provided detailed information on the state of play of the negotiations with Canada which would allow export of EU beef to Canada. The Commission explained that the use of recycled hot water would mask the current hygiene standards and the process hygiene criteria when using recycled hot water are not altered and remain fully applicable.