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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Discussion and possible endorsement of a revision of the EURL “Guidelines on minimum recommendations for official laboratory appointed for the detection of *Trichinella* in meat”**

The Commission presented updated guidelines, initially endorsed by the PAFF Committee in 2018. The update only adapts the “Introduction” to reflect the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 since December 2019. The opportunity is taken to propose some editorial improvements of all language versions. All language versions were revised through the EURL-NRL network for parasites. No Member State commented and the revised guidelines were endorsed.

**A.02 Discussion and possible endorsement of a revision of the EURL technical guidance document on challenge tests and durability studies for assessing shelf-life of ready-to-eat foods related to *Listeria monocytogenes***

This revision ensures consistency between the current EURL Document and the standard EN ISO 20976-1 on "Requirements and guidelines for conducting challenge tests of food and feed products - Part 1: challenge tests to study the growth potential, lag time and maximum growth rate" published in 2019.

The draft guidance was endorsed by the Committee.

**A.03 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK (GB)**

A Member State pointed out the increased checks that would result from the implementation of the residues control plans in the border control posts for the control of food of animal origin coming from the Great Britain.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes II, IX and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the European Union of fresh meat of wild solipeds, fishery products from aquaculture, and insects**

This draft amends the lists laid down by Regulation (EU) 2021/405 in order to reflect the modifications in the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by certain third

countries, which were introduced by Decision (EU) 2021/653 amending Decision 2011/163/EU. In addition, the United Kingdom (GB) is added to the list of countries authorised for the entry into the Union of insects, since this country has provided all the necessary evidence and guarantees to be listed, and two further updates mistakes in the list of countries authorised for snails and frogs' legs are included.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of Ireland and Canada**

The draft Decision upgrades the BSE status of Canada and Ireland from 'controlled risk' to 'negligible risk', in line with the OIE resolution of May 2021.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.