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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Discussion and possible endorsement of Guidelines for Good Hygiene Practice on Bottled Water Coolers

The Commission presented the Guidelines for Good Hygiene Practice on Bottled Water Coolers. This guide covers the general hygiene requirements for bottled watercooler, including the description of the operational procedures of all the steps involved, from water extraction to distribution, including service and maintenance of watercoolers. The Committee endorsed the guidance with some amendments requested by one Member State.

A.02 Presentation and possible endorsement of the revised EURL guidance document on sampling the food processing area and equipment for the detection of *Listeria monocytogenes*

The EURL for *Listeria monocytogenes* presented its revised guidance document on sampling the food processing area and equipment for the detection of *Listeria monocytogenes*. This revised guidance updates certain provisions in order to reflect changes introduced in 2018 in the ISO norm 18593 on horizontal methods for surface sampling. The Committee endorsed the revised guidance.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 as regards certain reporting requirements for Member States derogated from the testing in slaughterhouses for *Trichinella* in meat and carcasses of domestic

The Commission explained that the purpose of this initiative is to remove the reporting requirement in Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 for countries applying derogation from *Trichinella* testing (BE, DK, FI, IT and (UK(NI)). This reporting is considered burdensome and unnecessary taking into account the reporting requirements on zoonoses in accordance with Article 9(3) of Directive 2003/99/EC.

One Member State complained that this draft was immediately presented for vote, not allowing to go through national procedures for supporting the draft. No further comments were made by Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.