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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning a draft Decree by the Kingdom of the Netherlands on toddler drinks and toddler milk notified in accordance with Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

Please see summary under point B.02.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning a draft Decree by the Kingdom of the Netherlands on toddler drinks and toddler milk notified in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.

Points B.01 and B.02 were discussed together, as they concerned two draft Implementing Decisions following a notification by the Netherlands of the same draft Decree. This Decree contains rules on foods based on (cow or goat milk) protein, to which at least one or more vitamins, minerals or other substances have been added, and which are intended to be used as a drink for young children between the ages of one and three years.

The Commission had presented the two draft Implementing Decisions during the previous meeting of the Committee on 5 October 2021. The discussion of the two draft Implementing Decisions was resumed, and Member States presented their positions. Most Member States welcomed the organisation of a joint meeting of the Working Group on Food Supplements/Fortified Foods and the Expert Group on Food for Specific Groups dedicated to young child formulae.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) on refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk.

The draft Commission Regulation aiming at refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk related to Symbiosal, was

presented to the Member States during the meeting. There were no comments on the draft.

A Commission representative explained that the written procedure for the vote on this draft will be launched after the meeting, during which Member States will have five working days to give their vote and provide linguistic comments.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) on refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk.

The draft Commission Regulation aiming at refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk related to Anxiofit, was presented to the Member States during the meeting. There were no comments on the draft.

A Commission representative explained that the written procedure for the vote on this draft will be launched after the meeting, during which Member States will have five working days to give their vote and provide linguistic comments.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health.

The draft Commission Regulation aiming at refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health related to Nutrimune, was presented to the Member States during the meeting. There were no comments on the draft.

A Commission representative explained that the written procedure for the vote on this draft will be launched after the meeting, during which Member States will have five working days to give their vote and provide linguistic comments.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health.

The draft Commission Regulation aiming at refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health related to GlycoLite and Lozenges, was presented to the Member States during the meeting. There were no comments on the draft.

A Commission representative explained that the written procedure for the vote on this draft will be launched after the meeting, during which Member States will have five working days to give their vote and provide linguistic comments.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health.

The draft Commission Regulation aiming at refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health related to Bi-07, Coffee C21 and Mena Q7, was presented to the Member States during the meeting. There were no comments on the draft.

A Commission representative explained that the written procedure for the vote on this draft will be launched after the meeting, during which Member States will have five working days to give their vote and provide linguistic comments.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Request from Spain - lactose-free statements.

Spain asked the Commission whether it intends to establish harmonised rules on the use of statements indicating the absence or reduced presence of lactose in foods that would enable consumers, such as lactose-intolerant people, to make informed and safe choices.

The Commission acknowledged the concern raised and mentioned the complexity of this topic from a scientific point of view. The Commission also clarified that on food information to consumers, it is currently prioritising the initiatives under the Farm to Fork Strategy.

M.02 Request from Denmark, Spain and Estonia - state of play of the draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 as regards monacolins from red yeast rice.

The Commission informed Member States that the feedback on the modifications made in the draft Commission Regulation following the discussion in the previous PAFF meeting, was positive. The Commission intends to proceed with the written procedure in the course of the upcoming weeks.