

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Expert Group on Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers

Summary Report of the meeting held on 29 June 2023 in Brussels

on

Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex X to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers as regards the indication of the date of minimum durability: follow up discussion on Member States' comments provided in the context of the Expert Group meeting held on 8 March

The Commission (DG SANTE), representatives from all EU Member States (except for one) and Norway participated in the meeting (either in-person or remotely).

The purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on the first Expert Group on the Food Information to Consumers Regulation that took place on 8 March 2023. To that end, the Commission presented a summary of the comments submitted by the Member States and invited the delegations to complete or develop them further. A few delegations reiterated some of their comments.

On the basis of the comments, the Commission concluded that most of the Member States favoured addressing the date marking initiative in the context of the broader revision of the food labelling rules to ensure coherence and a single transitional period for all changes.

The Commission stressed that given the complexity of the work, focus is placed on gathering robust evidence and data, particularly as regards impacts of food labelling on consumer behaviour, given the objective of empowering consumers to make informed, healthy and sustainable food choices.

A.O.B - None raised