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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 21 APRIL 2015
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Information on the launch of the 2014 food irradiation reporting.

The Commission informed the Member States about the launch of the 2014 food irradiation reporting and namely the need for them to submit their irradiation results according to Article 7 of Directive 1999/2/EC before Monday 13 July 2015 .

A.02 Information on a project to develop an European guide for Farmhouse and Artisan Cheese makers.

The Commission presented a project to establish a guide for Good Hygiene Practices conducted by the Farmhouse and Artisan Cheese and Dairy Producers' European Network (FACE). The guide will be dedicated to small producers of cheese and will provide good hygiene practices and practical applications of procedures, based on the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles. The Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) will be consulted on the draft final version and at a later stage on the translations, which are foreseen for all official languages of the Union.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the use of recycled hot water to remove microbiological surface contamination from carcasses. (See point C.03 of the PAFF Committee of 17 March 2015.)

The proposed Commission Regulation will allow the water to be recycled when the necessary controls are in place to ensure that the quality of the recycled hot water maintains the microbiological and chemical characteristics of potable water. A revised version of the Regulation was discussed at the PAFF Committee in March, however no qualified majority could be reached without further amendment. This new version includes in the text the obligation to take samples, to verify compliance

with good hygiene practices, prior to the application of recycled hot water, which is a measure that Member States will support.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on financing of the 2015 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in the framework of the 'Better Training for Safer Food' programme. (See point C.02 of the PAFF Committee of 17 March 2015.)

This draft Decision sets out the annual work programme of the Better Training for Safer Food initiative for 2015 and constitutes a financial decision for its implementation. The Commission presented the amendments made to the text during the Commission internal consultation process. No remarks were made.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system ('AAC System') pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules.

The point was withdrawn from the agenda.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the 2015 work programme on IT tools in the field of food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health.

The Commission presented the draft to the Committee for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards gelatine, collagen and highly refined products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

See point C.02 below.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down lists of third countries, parts of third countries and/or territories authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain food of animal origin, and health certificates requirements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and repealing Decision 2003/812/EC. (See Point C.04 of the PAFF Committee of 12 December 2014.)

During the course of the internal Commission consultations, it was recommended to split the Regulation into two separate Regulations. Point C.01 relates to the amendment of Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and consists of those parts of the former legislation that dealt with the treated raw materials for collagen and gelatine. Point C.02 relates to the remaining part which deals with lists of countries and health certificates. While it was acknowledged that there has been little time to analyse the detailed articles, overviews of the legislation were presented and several Member States expressed their views. Further consultation may take place on the possible addition of a section on amino acids, following recent enquiries about these substances and the texts will be presented at a later date for a vote.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a codification of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for Trichinella in meat.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation the purpose of which is to replace Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 without making any change to the content (codification). It would improve the clarity of the provisions as Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 has been amended several times. The Member States were asked to send their comments on the text to the Commission so that it can be presented for a vote at the next meeting in May.

C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision on the adoption of the work programme of the Commission for the years 2016 and 2017 and on the financing of the Union contribution to the European Union Reference Laboratories.

The Commission presented the draft Implementing Decision which lays down a multiannual work programme in accordance with Article 36(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and provides the basis for the annual work programmes of the European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) in the years 2016 and 2017. It stands as a financing decision for the year 2016, on the basis of the adoption of the preliminary draft budget (PDB) (foreseen for the 27th May 2015). For 2017, another financing decision will be established for the 2017 financial contribution. EURLs will have to take into account the Commission Work Programme when they submit their requests for financing for both years 2016 and 2017. The final document will be presented to the PAFF Committee for opinion in June 2015.