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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 19 APRIL 2016

HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

(Section Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain)

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 sets out rules on the composition and testing of Plastic food contact materials. Since its entry into force several issues with the Regulation have been identified. Following technical discussions on these matters it was decided that certain provisions of the Regulation would need to be amended or corrected. The Regulation also includes a Union list which authorises approximately 1000 substances that can be used to manufacture plastic food contact materials. On the basis of newly available EFSA opinions new substances should be added to this list.

A draft Commission Regulation was presented to the Committee to achieve these objectives. The text was voted favourably with a qualified majority. Two Member States expressed their reservations on respectively the deletion of Article 11(2) and on the requirement to test materials and articles intended to come in contact with dry and unpeeled fruits and vegetables with simulant E.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.