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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 16 DECEMBER 2014
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Presentation on the endorsement of the draft report on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2013, as required by Article 7(4) of Directive 1999/2/EC.

There was no discussion on this point.

A.02 Presentation on the cross-unit project on composite products.

The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) introduced the cross-unit project on composite products planned for 2015-2016. The project aims at obtaining an overview of the official controls implemented on the production and the import of composite products.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), as regards Member States with BSE negligible risk status.

The Commission presented a revised version of the text, which maintains a limited list of Specified Risk Materials (SRM) for Member States with negligible BSE risk. The limited list of SRM for Member States with BSE negligible risk includes the skull, the brain, the spinal cord and the eyes of bovine animals above 12 months. More Member States were in favour of the text than was the case with the previous version. A ‘tour de table’ indicated that most Member States could support the text.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European

Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), as regards bovine intestines and mesentery and the list of Specified Risk Materials.

The Commission presented the text, clarifying that bovine mesenteric fat was maintained in the list of Specified Risk Materials (SRM) for Member States and third countries with controlled or undetermined BSE risk status. The proposed amendment is based on an EFSA opinion supporting the proposed change to the SRM list. A few Member States could not support the text due to concerns with regard to Atypical BSE.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2009/861/EC on transitional measures under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regard the processing of non-compliant raw milk in certain milk processing establishments in Bulgaria.

This draft Decision amends the list of establishments authorised in Bulgaria for the processing of non-compliant raw milk.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision establishing the analytical method as regard the determination of drained net weight for certain glazed fishery products.

The draft Decision introduces the Welmec method for the calculation of the drained net weight for certain glazed fishery products when CODEX specific methods are not available. The text was supported by Member States. One Member State asked to maintain its method; it will be sent to the Joint Research Centre (JRC) for evaluation.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs, Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin and Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption as regards certain rules for live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods.

The draft Regulation aligns the classification procedures for A production areas for live bivalve molluscs with the international (CODEX) standard. General support by Member States. The draft may be voted on at one of the next Committee meetings.

C.03 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 temperature conditions during transport and storage of meat.

The draft text was presented for an initial exchange of views. Only a few minor comments were made on this draft Regulation which was broadly supported.

C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and repealing Decision 2003/812/EC, laying down lists of third countries, parts of third countries and/or territories authorised for the introduction into the European Union of frogs' legs, snails, gelatine, collagen, material for the production of collagen and gelatine and honey, royal jelly and other products of apiculture for human consumption and the health certificates requirements.

The draft text was presented for an initial exchange of views. Several Member States expressed reservations on the challenges of controlling and verifying the proposed increased flexibility in transport and storage parameters for partially chilled meat, while others by contrast, called for more flexibility to be allowed. Further discussions will take place at working group level.

C.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the use of recycled hot water to remove microbiological surface contamination from carcasses.

The main points raised during the discussion related to the rinsing of treated carcasses, the need to sample carcasses before the application, the presence of resistant spores and labelling. A second discussion is planned at one of the next Committee meetings.

M.01 Argumentaire pig meat inspection

In response to a request from the Member States, an argumentaire on pig meat inspection was prepared. The detailed document explains the new rules linked to pig meat inspection and will be used in contacts with third countries. The Member States were asked to provide comments.