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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 17 FEBRUARY 2015
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Presentation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and discussion on the scientific opinion on Salmonella, Yersinia, Shigella and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables, and carrots.

Following the presentation, the Commission informed the Committee that specific guidance will be developed for the implementation of the hygiene requirements for food of non-animal origin based on the 5 EFSA opinions.

A.02 Endorsement of the Guidelines on Composite Products.

The illustrative guidance on import/transit conditions and controls of certain composite products has been endorsed with unanimity. The guideline fills a gap in the complex issue of composite products legislation and it will be a valid tool for the colleagues in the BIPs (Border Inspection Posts) and for the CA (Competent Authorities) in third countries. After the administrative procedures it will be translated and published on the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (SANTE) website.

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.

A revised text was discussed including the last four metres of the bovine intestine as category 3 material (i.e. destined only for petfood and technical uses) in Member States with negligible BSE risk. In addition Specified Risk Materials (SRM) of small ruminants are maintained as SRM, pending the outcome of an EFSA evaluation of a new scientific study which questions the existing understanding that scrapie is not zoonotic.

Vote postponed

C.01 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.

This issue still causes concerns for some Member States in particular that the use of recycled hot water would mask current hygiene standards and that it would be difficult to control compliance with the process hygiene criteria when using recycled hot water. 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.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation. A tour de table indicated that the inclusion in the text of the obligation to take samples, to verify compliance with good hygiene practices, prior to the application of recycled hot water, could be supported. The Commission engaged to consider the proposed amendments and will present a revised text at the next PAFF Committee in March.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Section E of Chapter V of Annex IV 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 TSEs.

This draft Regulation removes the current obligation for a prior agreement with the third country of destination for export from the EU of processed animal proteins (PAP) of non-ruminant origin.

Some Member States suggested that control measures should be introduced in order to avoid cross-contamination with ruminant PAP. The Commission engaged to consider the proposed amendments and will present a revised text at the next PAFF Committee in March.