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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a Polish notification of a draft Regulation of the Minister for Health on enrichment substances added to food (2023/0484/PL).

On 3 August 2023, the Polish authorities notified a draft Regulation on enrichment substances added to food under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods. The Polish authorities presented the notified draft measure that intends to lay down a list of substances prohibited for use in food as well as to maintain existing national rules on the mandatory addition of vitamins and minerals to certain food categories and on minimum and maximum levels for vitamins and minerals in foods. During the subsequent discussion, one Member State noted that for legal clarity, the novel food status of the prohibited substances should be examined to make sure that those subject to the Novel Food Regulation are not included in the negative list. Another Member State asked Poland if it considers submitting a request to the Commission to launch the procedure under Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 on the substances in question. Poland replied that it was not considering submitting a request to the Commission under Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.

The Commission representative informed that the Commission's assessment of the notified draft is ongoing.

M.01 Request from Sweden – for an update on the status of the revision of the Food Information to Consumers Regulation.

The representative of the Commission explained that work to review the Regulation on Food Information to Consumers is ongoing. As with all legislative proposals, an impact assessment is currently being prepared, based on scientific evidence provided by the European Food Safety Authority and the Joint Research Centre, and on consultations with citizens, stakeholders and targeted surveys with Member States, businesses, SMEs, and consumer/health organisations. Given the complexity of this work, focus is 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.

