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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 French national measure under Article 54 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 suspending the introduction, import and placing on the market in France of meat and meat products from animals coming from third countries that have received antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield (notified to the European Commission and Member States on 6 March 2023).**

The Commission opened the meeting recalling the procedure of Article 54 paragraph 2 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

France presented the national measure explaining that its provisions were identical to those in the decree that was adopted by France on 21 February 2022 on the same matter for period of one year under the emergency procedure of Article 54 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. More specifically, the French decree prohibits the import and placing on the market in France of meat and meat products from animals that have received antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield (as defined in Article 107 of Regulation (EU) No 2019/6). It also requires food business operators to take due diligence measures to ensure that the meat and meat products they import, introduce or place on the market in France meet the requirements laid down in the decree.

France informed that the notified national measure will be repealed as soon as Article 118 of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 is fully operational.

One Member State took the floor showing understanding of the reasons behind the French measure, whilst stating that a Union approach should be favoured.

The Commission informed the Committee on the state of play of the Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Article 118 of Regulation (EU) No 2019/6. The Delegated Regulation, which was supported by Member States in the Expert Group on Veterinary medicinal products, was adopted by the Commission on 27 February 2023. It has been transmitted to the Council and the European Parliament for the two-month objection period which would expire on 28 April 2023.

As indicated in Article 8 of the Delegated Regulation, it will apply 24 months after the entry into application of the Implementing Regulation setting the updated official certificates that are relevant for the commodities falling under the scope of the

Delegated Regulation. While preparatory work on that Implementing Regulation is ongoing, the applicability of the import requirements set out in the Delegated Regulation will take some years from now.

**A.02 General information by Member States.**

No item raised.