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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Exchange of views on the Spanish notification of the draft Royal Decree concerning the origin indication of milk ingredient in the labelling of milk and dairy products, as notified to the Commission on 11 July 2017, under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.**

The Spanish delegation provided a presentation of the notified draft decree and its justifications.

The Spanish authorities explained that the draft notified measure was based on the consumers' interest and the link between the quality of the milk and the country of origin.

With regard to the content of the notified draft, it was explained that it would require the indication of the "country of milking" and the "country of processing".

The Spanish delegation stated that the draft measure included a mutual recognition clause and that it would have experimental character for two years after entry into force.

Eight Member States strongly criticised the increasing number of national notifications requiring mandatory origin indication and hence fragmenting the Internal Market.

The Commission explained that it is assessing the draft measure and that the standstill period will end on the 12 October 2017.