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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 885/2014.

This draft implementing Regulation contains several elements that are in addition to the biannual review of Annex I of Regulation (EC) $669/2009^1$. These elements are related to transhipments, notifications of border rejections due to non-compliance with a maximum residue level of pesticide, and the deletion of Okra imported from India from Annex I to Regulation (EU) No $885/2014^2$.

The representative of the Commission further clarified that notifications of border rejections due to non-compliance with a maximum residue level of pesticides will be distinguished from existing RASFF notifications through a new notification classification entitled "Non-compliance notification" that will be subject to a dedicated reference system.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

Germany made the following statement:

"The use of the new notification procedure for border rejections for products exceeding the authorised MRLs set out in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 must be technically possible in good time and Member States must be informed on how to proceed in practice."

¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 of 24 July 2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin and amending Decision 2006/504/EC (OJ L 194, 25.7.2009, p. 11).

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 885/2014 of 13 August 2014 laying down specific conditions applicable to the import of okra and curry leaves from India and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013 (OJ L 242, 14.8.2014, p. 20).