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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Guide on Good Hygiene Practices for producers of insects as food & feed. (IPIFF)

The last changes to the Guide on the production of insects destined for human consumption or animal feed (i.e. including feed for food producing animals, pet food and fur animals) were presented to Member States. The Members States will send further comments to the Commission. A meeting will then be organised with IPIFF to address the comments prior to submission for endorsement in a subsequent Standing Committee meeting.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 as regards *Trichinella* control in relation to cutting of carcasses and alternative analytical methods

Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 allows the cutting of carcasses of domestic swine into more than six parts before the result from *Trichinella* testing is known, subject to certain conditions. One of the conditions is that, in case of warm cutting, this is only possible for the production of specific products. The limitation to the production of specific products has no scientific basis and is not a limitation laid down for warm cutting in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. This limitation should therefore be removed from Regulation (EU) 2015/1375, aligning the conditions for warm cutting in both Regulations. The proposed amendment would also be used to update references in Annex I, Chapter II, to align with the amendment made in Chapter I by the adoption of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1478 as regards the EU reference method. No Member State took the floor nor made comments. The draft received a positive opinion by qualified majority (two Member States absent).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/627 as regards practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin

The revision aims to extend the possibility to not classify production and relaying areas for the harvest of all echinoderms that are not filter feeders. It would add also analytical

methods to detect the prior freezing of fishery products. No Member State took the floor nor made comments. The draft received a positive opinion by qualified majority (two Member States absent).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model official certificates for the entry into the Union for certain fishery products, highly refined products and model private attestation for composite products

The revision aims to align the relevant model certificates with amendments to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 by Regulation [SANTE/2021/11310] as regards fishery products, echinoderms and highly refined products and to adapt the model private attestation for certain composite products. During the meeting, a Member State proposed a clarification of the draft. The resulting revised text received a positive opinion by qualified majority (two Member States absent).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of France

The purpose of this initiative is to update the BSE status of France in follow-up to the OIE annual General Session of May 2022. France would be upgraded from ‘country with controlled risk of BSE’ to ‘country with a negligible risk of BSE’. The draft received a positive opinion by qualified majority (two Member States absent).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the list of third countries with an approved control plan on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances and pesticides and the maximum levels of contaminants

The draft text was summarised by the Commission and clarifications were offered to Member States notably on the link with planned amendments of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 or of Decision (EU) 2011/163. The draft will be presented for opinion of the Committee during the next PAFF meeting.

M.01 Special health mark for meat from animals slaughtered in case of infectious diseases

A Member State raised concerns on the adoption of a special health mark for meat from animals slaughtered in case of infectious diseases (African Swine Fever in the specific case) in the next week’s PAFF on animal health and asked that this be left to Member States’ appreciation for subsidiarity reasons. Another Member State indicated the need to include cross-references in rules on animal health and public health as regards the health mark. The Commission took note of the position expressed by those delegations and clarified that the proposal presented by the animal health experts of the Commission appears in line with the health mark requirements set in EU hygiene rules. The

discussion will continue in the appropriate section (Animal Health) of the Standing Committee.