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SUMMARY REPORT

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

The guidance aims to help operators producing insects for food and/or animal feed purposes to achieve a high level of Food and Feed Safety. A Member State asked about the Commission's long-term vision on insects towards legislation. The Commission explained that the approval of insects' producers is not foreseen in short term as an amendment of Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 would be necessary. Two Member States argued that there are still some parts to be improved on the guide. The Commission proposed to Member States to send their comments by mid-April 2022. The endorsement was postponed either in May during the Animal Nutrition PAFF or in June during the Biological Safety section PAFF.

A.02 Sharing good practices in slaughter hygiene guidance. (UECBV)

The main objective of the guide is to share effective means to prevent contamination of fresh meat with faecal or ingesta material during slaughter. There were no comments. The Committee endorsed the guide.

A.03 Presentation and possible endorsement of the EURL Guidelines for the evaluation of new methods, reagents and apparatuses for the detection of *Trichinella* larvae in meat intended for human consumption.

The guidance aims at harmonising the evaluation of alternative *Trichinella* detection methods. One Member States asked to include also the need to compare with and consider as equivalent to the ISO reference method, and to list the advantages and disadvantages of the alternative method. The Commission replied that the guidance is only on the evaluation protocol, which will be followed by a report containing these additional elements in order to consider insertion of the alternative method in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2015/1375.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 as regards the methods of analysis for the detection of constituents of terrestrial invertebrates for the official control of feed

The main objective of this text lays down a method for the official control of insects in feed of ruminants in which it is not authorised. One Member State indicated not to support the draft because the need to require further investigations in case blood products are detected and because of disproportionality with the risk asking for official controls of insects in ruminant feed. Another Member State asked to postpone the vote since not able to take position because of national procedures. A third Member States called for a future simplification of the methods to detect processed animal proteins in feed.

A few changes to the Annex based on written comments were made and the revised text was presented for written consultation.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes VIII and IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Chronic Wasting Disease

The main objective of this text is to prevent Chronic Wasting Disease from further spreading in the Union by establishing a permanent framework, and where necessary restrictions or prohibitions, for the control of movements of live cervids in and from the affected countries, as well as of the intra-EU trade and import of cervid urine hunting lures. The Committee approved the text with qualify majority .

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation correcting certain language versions of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

The main objective of this text is to correct 4 language versions with substantial errors in Annex IV of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001. The Committee approved the text with qualify majority .

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Upcoming EFSA-ECDC database on Whole Genome Sequencing - data protection of sensitive data

Further to a question posed by one Member State, the representatives of EFSA explained how the data protection of sensitive data will ensured in the upcoming EFSA-ECDC database on Whole Genome Sequencing. EFSA mentioned that these data protection rules will be formalised in the “Terms of Use” to be signed soon between EFSA and the data providers and will be also published on the EFSA website. EFSA will organise training webinars with data providers before the implementation of the data base which is foreseen in June 2022.

M.02 Clarification on the link between a proposal for health/identification marking in the Regulation on African Swine Fever (ASF) and such requirement in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

One Member State asked for clarification on the link between a proposal for health/identification marking in the Regulation on African Swine Fever (ASF) and such requirement in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. The Commission explained that in the ASF Regulation it is proposed to impose a health/identification mark identical to the one in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 but with, in addition, two straight lines crossing the mark, in case of limitation of the distribution of the meat. This would avoid uncertainty which mark (or both) to apply. The Member State indicated that a reference to animal health rules was needed in the food hygiene rules. Representatives of the Commission expressed disagreement but willingness to further discuss once the ASF draft is more advanced.