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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2014
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Presentation of the preliminary Member States' results for the year 2013 on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation as requested by Article 7(3) of Directive 1999/2/EC.

The preliminary results on food irradiation for the year 2013 were presented to the Committee. The Commission thanked Member States for having submitted their data electronically and indicated 26 October as the final deadline for Member States to submit 2013 data (4 Member States) or to request amendments.

A.02 Presentation of the outcome of a questionnaire as regards revision of certain provisions in Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 on Trichinella control.

Presentation of the outcome which was taken into account in the draft Commission Regulation presented for a vote under point B.02.

A.03 Presentation by Italy on special measures foreseen for the introduction of certain foodstuffs on the occasion of EXPO 2015.

Italy provided a presentation of the EXPO Milan 2015 event with focus on the measures to channel import of non-EU eligible food for the EXPO. The Committee informed Member States that a draft Commission Decision will be presented for an opinion of the Member States establishing the import rules and requirements for those food products.

A.04 Information by the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) on certain freezing practices for fishery products, in particular tuna fish, detected during an Audit in Mauritius.

The FVO informed the meeting of a possible non-compliance in freezing tuna fish detected during an audit in Mauritius. Member States were requested to identify if that practice is also used on board EU flag vessels.

A.05 Presentation of the Guidelines on Composite Products.

The scope and content were presented in detail. Member States very much welcomed the guidelines. Member States were asked to forward the final questions/suggestions in order to finalise the guidelines which will be presented for endorsement at the PAFF Committee in October.

A.06 Presentation by Bulgaria on the state of play of the milk sector following the application of Commission Decision 2009/861/EC.

Bulgaria provided an update of the situation showing a reduction of the production of non-compliant milk by 4% and a reduction of farms with non-compliant milk by 15% compared to the situation last year. The assessment of the farms is ongoing.

A.07 Exchange of views on a draft guidance document on the application of Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 as regards food where shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) has been detected.

The Commission presented the latest version of the guidance document and the state of play of the discussions with the experts in the working group on microbiological criteria. The Committee announced that a questionnaire will be sent to Member States on the key questions that have to be answered before a new revision of the guide can be discussed.

A.08 Presentation of EFSA's scientific opinion on the public health risks related to the maintenance of the cold chain during storage and transport of meat. Part 2 (minced meat from all species) (EFSA-Q-2013-00648)

The opinion was presented. There were no questions from the Member States.

B.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards model documents for food chain information and lists of approved food establishments (see point B.01 of the Committee of 8 July 2014).

A revised model document for Food Chain Information for pigs was discussed. The main discussion focused on the information to be provided on the use of veterinary medicinal medicines. The Commission proposed a simplified attestation focusing on compliance with the withdrawal period, combined with information on why the animals were treated with veterinary medicinal products during a period of 60 days before slaughter. The simplified attestation will be further discussed at expert level.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for Trichinella in meat.

The purpose of the draft legal act was presented. It is in particular to allow the alignment of intra-EU and import certificates with the new meat inspection rules, including the listing of third countries allowed to import certain pigs without testing. Certain laboratory methodology was updated and a new alternative trichinella test was introduced. Finally, as for pigs, the draft allows the cutting of horse carcasses before the testing result is known.

Member States asked the support of the Commission to promote the new rules at international level in view of their export. The Commission summed up initiatives it had taken and intended to take.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Portugal, and Slovakia.

The Commission presented this draft Decision, whose objective is to bring the list in the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC into line with the Resolution No. 18 adopted by the OIE in May 2014 as regards the BSE classification of Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 EU List of Egg Processing Plants

The Commission informed the Member States that a harmonised EU list of egg processing plants authorised to import egg products into the EU has been published. It will apply from 30/9/2014 and replace all earlier national lists.

M.02 Use of used oil in food produced in Taiwan with possible export to EU

The Commission provided an update of the information received.