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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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A.01 Presentation and possible endorsement of the draft EU "Food Donation Guidelines" developed by the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA), FoodDrinkEurope and EuroCommerce.

The Commission presented an amended version of the guidelines. One Member State indicated its intention to submit some further comments for consideration. The guidelines were endorsed with unanimity.

A.02 Results of the implementation of the main 2015 EU co-financed Salmonella control programmes: presentations made by France, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Hungary and Belgium.

The five Member States concerned made a presentation mainly focusing on, per poultry population covered (breeding flocks of *Gallus gallus*, flocks of laying hens, broilers flocks, breeding flocks of turkeys and fattening flocks of turkeys):

- the evolution in previous years (Number of flocks monitored, % of positive flocks, amount co-financed by the EU, etc); the 2015 results;
- the strong aspects of their programme as well as areas for improvements (if any);
- the possible difficulties or challenges identified or faced;
- the expected targets in the coming years.

This was the first time such presentations were made in a Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) for the Salmonella EU co-financed programmes.

A.03 Update on the outbreak of Salmonella *Enteritidis* MLVA 2-9-7-3-2.

A presentation of the investigation of the outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis ML VA 2-9-7-3-2 was given by the Commission. Poland, the Netherlands and Croatia gave an update on the latest information on their national investigations and measures taken. The Commission stressed the need for molecular typing results of non-human isolates to confirm the sources of infection and reminded the Committee that the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for Salmonella offers support with molecular typing (WGS/MLVA) to Member States. Furthermore Member States were asked to send their feedback on the way this recent outbreak has been managed (what went well and what can be improved), as the Commission is currently revising the internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for crisis/outbreak management.

A.04 AOB: European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for foodborne viruses

The Commission informed the Committee that the procedure to establish a new EURL for foodborne viruses was initiated and that a call for application will be launched at the beginning of 2017. Member States will be informed through their Permanent Representations when the call will be launched and were requested to give advance warning to possible laboratories interested in this call.

A.05 AOB: Czech Republic website reconstruction

The delegate from the Czech Republic informed the Committee that, as the Ministry's website is currently undergoing reconstruction, if any Member State experiences difficulties in accessing their lists of establishments, they should contact the Ministry directly.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes I and IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Annexes X and XV to Commission Regulation (EC) No 142/2011 as regards processed animal protein.

The Commission presented Revisions 2 and 3 of the draft Commission Regulation, noting that it covered various issues, most of which had been discussed in several Working Groups on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) and at the PAFF Committee meeting of June 2016. The stakeholder feedback consultation on this draft document was ongoing. Several Member States provided comments on aspects of the text (the listing of establishments under feed ban rules, the cleaning procedure for transporters, the export of ruminant and non-ruminant processed animal protein (PAP), the rules for dry and frozen insects, the rules for the processing of insects into insect PAP, etc.). The Commission addressed the various comments and noted that discussions with Member States on this draft amendment will continue at a Working Group on Animal By-Products on 21 November 2016, at a TSE Working Group on 28 November 2016 and at the Animal Health section of the PAFF Committee on 30 November 2016. The Commission's objective is to put the draft text for a vote of the PAFF Committee at the meeting of 13 December 2016.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal of specified risk materials of small ruminants.

The Commission presented Revision 2 of the draft Commission Regulation, noting that the draft text had already been discussed at the TSE Working Group meeting in September 2016. The stakeholder feedback consultation on this draft document was ongoing. Some Member States asked questions as regards the determination of the age of ovine and caprine animals for the purpose of the removal of Specified Risk Materials (SRM), and as regards the limitation of the draft amendment concerning SRM rules to Member States with negligible BSE risk only. The Commission addressed these questions. Two Member States expressed reservations as regards the draft amendment of the list of SRM for sheep and goats. Each Member State was then asked to express an indicative position on the draft text, as well as on the idea of revising the list of SRM in the same way for Member States with negligible BSE risk as for Member States and third countries with controlled BSE risk. The Commission concluded that the draft text will be further discussed at the TSE Working Group of 28 November 2016 and at the PAFF Committee of 13 December 2016, and possibly put for vote at the later meeting.