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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 08 MARCH 2016 - 09 MARCH 2016
(Section Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances from a group related with an alpha beta unsaturation structure.

This was a continuation of the discussions at the earlier meeting of 4 February 2016 and concerns part of the follow-up of the EFSA opinion of July 2015 on the group of 10 flavouring substances of FGE.208 as regards five substances from this group. For this group of substances, industry has committed to submit additional safety studies by 30 April 2016. The measure better reflects the current uses of these substances and limits their use to specified food categories, in contrast with the previous situation where they could be used with no restrictions in any food, including foods for infants.

The text was proposed and the vote was taken.

Two Member States indicated that food categories that contribute more significantly to the intake of these substances in children should be excluded.

A Member State indicated that the deadline set in one of the recitals will be exceeded by the time the Regulation enters into force. The restrictions of use are de facto meaningless because current uses will still be covered and therefore food safety will de facto not be improved. It is not acceptable that industry did not submit the study reports for several substances although it committed to submit them by end of 2015 / end of January 2016. In this context it is not acceptable to introduce footnote 1.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.