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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Presentation by Poland on the follow up actions taken further to the illegal slaughter of cows discovered in January 2019.**

Poland made a comprehensive presentation of the measures it has taken and the action plan it has implemented in follow-up of the illegal slaughter of cows discovered in January 2019 and the audit of the Commission between 25 March and 5 April 2019.

**A.02 Exchange of views and possible endorsement of draft Commission guidance on import conditions for raw materials and treated raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption.**

The Commission presented a slightly revised draft based on further comments. The guidance aims at harmonising the understanding of import conditions by competent authorities and food business operators. The Commission announced also that it will try to provide a harmonised EU list of establishments importing raw materials.

**The guidance was endorsed.**

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 as regards the methods of analysis for the determination of particles of animal.**

This point was for discussion only and not for vote, after receiving several comments from the National Reference Laboratories expressing concerns regarding the amendments. The Commission informed that all these comments have been transmitted to the EURL with the request to reopen the discussion and come back with a new text that can be supported by the majority of the Member States. The intention of this amendment is not to create more burden to the laboratories, but to simplify and align the procedures to common practice.

**Vote postponed**

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as regards TSE eradication measures in goats and endangered breeds.**

The Commission pointed out a typo in page 6 of the Annex (point e, amending point 3 of Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as regards the discriminatory testing process in case of positive TSE cases in ovine and caprine animals.**

The draft Regulation limits the discriminatory testing in case of positive TSE cases in ovine and caprine animals to the index case.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards *Salmonella* in reptile meat.**

The draft Regulation lays down a food safety criterion for *Salmonella* in reptile meat and defines reptile meat indicating which species should be considered. SPS notification was finalised without comments.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/186 as regards the introduction into the Union of consignments from certain third countries, sampling procedures, reporting requirements by the Member States and amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009.**

The draft Regulation introduces Union measures to the import of sesame seeds from Sudan due to microbiological contamination. It also fixes sampling procedures for the commodities concerned applicable both by the third country and by EU Competent Authorities. In terms of simplification reporting by Member States is limited to one time per calendar year instead of biannually by offering aggregated data on all consignments for a given food and country of origin.

**Vote taken:** Technical agreement

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards official controls on food of animal origin in relation to requirements concerning food chain information and fishery products and to the reference to recognised testing methods for marine biotoxins and to testing methods for raw milk and heat-treated cow's milk.**

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (Official Control Regulation, OCR) will apply from 14 December 2019 onwards, Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 will be repealed. Provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 that concern competent authorities will be included

in relevant delegated and implementing Regulations based on Article 18(7) and 18(8) of the OCR. These provisions should thus be removed from Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005. Changes to Articles 1 and 2 were reintroduced in the current version (with addition of relevant recitals and adaptation of the title) for reasons of clarity at the request of some Member States.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific hygiene requirements for insects intended for human consumption.**

The purpose of this draft Commission Regulation is to introduce a new Section in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, as insects are increasingly consumed in the EU. Despite the fact that food consisting of or produced from insects are, when applicable, subject to authorisation under Novel Food Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, there is a need of minimum hygiene requirements, similar to those already laid down for use of insects in feed. Several Member States indicated that the text was not ready for agreement. They referred to the need to consider in the appropriate legislation the allergenic potential of insects, establish specific hygiene rules for insects intended for food, reconsider the issue of primary production, the link with animal nutrition rules and novel food ones. The Commission replied that all these issues were discussed in a working group meeting. It is however willing to further discuss in a working group meeting to reach a qualified majority in support.

**Vote postponed**