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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 of 16 December 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates and model animal health/official certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, official certification regarding such certificates and repealing Regulation (EC) No 599/2004, Implementing Regulations (EU) No 636/2014 and (EU) 2019/628, Directive 98/68/EC and Decisions 2000/572/EC, 2003/779/EC and 2007/240/EC

The Commission decided to postpone the vote awaiting the adoption of the draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 currently under scrutiny in Parliament, which affects the adoption of this draft. A new version of the draft was presented, addressing the latest comments from Member States.

Vote Postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs as regards *Listeria monocytogenes*

The Commission presented the initiative whose purpose is to ensure a higher level of consumer protection against *Listeria monocytogenes* by amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards the stage of the food chain where food safety criterion 1.2 applies. Despite some requests for clarification, all the delegations that took the floor, except one, expressed their overall support to the initiative.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down laboratory analytical methods applicable to the official controls performed for the verification of compliance with provisions laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005

The Commission presented the initiative whose purpose is to improve the reliability and consistency of official controls by establishing Union rules regarding analytical

methods to be used by the official laboratories when they analyse official samples against criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005. All the delegations who took the floor welcomed this initiative and supported it.