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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1533 imposing special conditions governing the import of feed and food originating in or dispatched from Japan following the accident at the Fukushima nuclear power station.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation was presented. Member States stressed the importance of having the Japanese authorities continue the extensive monitoring of their domestic production for radioactivity at the current frequency and make the analytical results publicly available, as well as ensure full transparency as regards the release of contaminated cooling water into the Pacific Ocean. An extensive monitoring on the presence of the relevant radionuclides, in particular tritium, in fish, other fishery products and seaweed in the close neighbourhood of the site of release has to be performed by the Japanese authorities, and also these analytical results have to be made publicly available, on a regular basis. The Commission confirmed it will continue to closely follow-up the levels of radionuclides in food and feed reported by the Japanese authorities and provide feedback on the findings to the Committee. Several Member States expressed their support to the proposal, while the others indicated to be in principle in favour, while internal consultations still had to be completed. No objections to the draft Implementing Regulation were raised at the meeting.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Application and future amendment to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1158 of 5 August 2020 on the conditions governing imports of food and feed originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station.

The Committee was informed of the following: according to Article 3 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1158, it is required that each consignment of products listed in Annex II, with reference to the relevant code from the Combined Nomenclature, from third countries listed in Annex I, shall be accompanied by the relevant official certificate and identified by means of an identification code which shall be mentioned on the official certificate and on the

Common Health Entry Document (CHED). In the before-last version of the customs nomenclature ([Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1832 of 12 October 2021 amending Annex I to Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff](#)), which is applicable since January 2022, new CN codes were created for mushrooms of the genus *Cantharellus* (CN 070952), *Boletus* (CN 070952), Shitake (CN 070954), Matsutake (CN 070955) and truffles (CN 070956) falling under the CN code 0709 59 before that change in the customs nomenclature. Given that Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1158 has not yet been updated to reflect these changes in the CN codes, there is no reference to CN codes 070952, 070953, 070954, 070955 and CN 070956 in the Regulation, but the description of the commodity to which the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/1158 are applicable refers to all wild mushrooms. It is therefore appropriate that competent authorities at the border control posts, pending the update of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1158, continue to issue a CHED for the entry into the Union of all wild caught mushrooms originating from the third countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1158.