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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2016
(Section General Food Law)**

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- A.01 Exchange of views on the Italian notification of the draft decree on the indication of the origin of milk and dairy products as notified on 13 July 2016 according to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.**

- A.02 Exchange of views on the Lithuanian notification of an amended draft national measure on the labelling of origin of some milk products as notified on 13 July 2016 according to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.**

- A.03 Exchange of views on the Portuguese notification of a draft national measure on the labelling of origin of some milk products as notified on 27 July 2016 according to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.**

Points A.01 - A.03

The Italian and Lithuanian delegations provided a presentation of their draft texts which introduce origin labelling obligations for milk and milk used as an ingredient in certain milk products. For both notified drafts it has been clarified that their provisions will not apply on foods lawfully produced in other Member States of the European Union and that they will be limited in time until 31 December 2018. Before the end of this period, both Member States would provide a report on the application of the notified measures and their potential impact on the Internal Market.

The Portuguese delegation provided a presentation of their draft text introducing mandatory origin labelling for milk and milk used as an ingredient in certain milk products; the Commission indicated that it had asked the Portuguese authorities for certain clarifications as to the intended scope of the measure.

During the subsequent discussion, a number of Member States provided their views on the notified measures and submitted suggestions on how reporting on the application of the measures should be carried out.

The Commission recalled that the EU food information rules allow Member States to adopt national measures in the field of origin information on food under certain substantial and procedural conditions. Furthermore, the Commission informed the delegations that the notifications will be carefully assessed in the light of the overall objectives of the EU legislation but also taking into account aspects relating to the Internal Market and the needs of the consumer.