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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Information on an updated version of the document “Guideline for drafting a dossier for the recognition of a Member State or zones of a Member State with a negligible risk of classical scrapie”**

The Commission presented the sixth version of the guideline, now updated to take into account the recognition of the genetic resistance to classical scrapie in goats. There was no comment from the Member States. The guideline will be published on the Commission webpage dedicated to the control of TSEs ([https://food.ec.europa.eu/safety/biological-safety/food-borne-diseases-zoonoses/control-tses\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/safety/biological-safety/food-borne-diseases-zoonoses/control-tses_en)).

**A.02 Presentation and possible endorsement of an updated version of the document “Technical specifications for harmonised format for the listing of establishments in accordance with Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 (TSE Regulation)”**

The Commission presented the Technical specifications updated in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2021/1372 of 17 August 2021, in particular as regards Annex IV, Chapter V, Section A to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001. One Member State requested additional time to consider the proposed annex II to the document. Possible comments should be provided to the Commission by 21 October at the latest, with a view to a possible endorsement at the meeting of the Committee of 10 November.

**A.03 Presentation and possible endorsement of the “Guide on Good Hygiene Practices for producers of insects as food & feed”**

The Commission proposed for endorsement the food part of the guide, highlighting that the whole document will be only endorsed when all parts of the guide are endorsed by the relevant sections of the Committee. Member States asked for some further amendments before endorsing the guide. The Commission made modification proposals during the meeting which allowed to endorse the guide subject to those proposed modifications. A Member State regretted the choice made by the sector to cover both food and feed in the same guide. The Commission took note, but indicated that it was not possible to introduce such a drastic change at such a late stage. The

Committee endorsed the guide subject to the amendments proposed by the Commission. One Member State abstained.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the list of third countries with an approved control plan on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances and pesticides and the maximum levels of contaminants**

The Commission presented an amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, introducing, from Decision 2011/163/EU, the lists of third countries with an approved control plan on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances and pesticides and the maximum levels of contaminants. In this way all public health lists of countries for import of food are in a single Regulation, improving transparency and facilitating future amendments. After a short discussion, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by a qualified majority.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1729 as regards monitoring of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in fattening pigs**

This point was withdrawn from the agenda. Please see more explanation in point M.01.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes IV, VIII and IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards animal feeding, placing on the market and importation into the Union**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation, which aims at correcting unintentional mistakes in the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, reflecting where necessary in Annex IV the notion of end point developed for organic fertilisers / soil improvers in the framework of the legislation on animal by-products, and ensuring full alignment of the trade and import rules for goats genetically resistant to scrapie with those applicable to resistant sheep. There was no comment from the Member States. The Commission's intention is to schedule this draft for an exchange of views and possible opinion at the Committee meeting of 10 November 2022.

**M.01 Information on envisaged initiative updating Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1729 on the monitoring and reporting of antimicrobial resistance in food and food-producing animals in order to monitor methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in fattening pigs in 2023**

The point B.02 was removed from the agenda of the Committee at the time of adopting it at the start of the meeting. The point B.02 was substituted by this new point M.01 for information. The Commission presented to the Committee the envisaged timeline as regards discussions on updated EU legislation on the monitoring and reporting of antimicrobial resistance in food and food-producing animals in order to monitor MRSA (baseline survey) in fattening pigs in 2023 based on EFSA technical specifications.