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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 JULY 2016

(Section Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain)

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A.01 Exchange of views on the follow-up of the EFSA opinion on the group of flavouring substances FGE.203.

The Committee discussed several aspects of the measure. Among them, there was the food categories being considered and in particular the category 18 and the carry over principle. The measure is planned to be submitted for opinion and possible vote in September 2016.

A.02 Exchange of views on the overall procedure to follow for flavouring substances under evaluation when a safety concern on the representative substance is identified by EFSA.

Following the discussions at the earlier meeting of the PAFF Committee meeting of 21 June 2016, the overall way to proceed in this kind of situations on the basis of the work carried out at the Working Group on Flavourings was discussed.

The Working Group on Flavourings will consider these discussions in order to prepare a document for consideration at the PAFF Committee.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Directive amending Directive 2009/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients.

The Commission received an application for the amendment of Annex I to Directive 2009/32/EC concerning the use of dimethyl ether (DME) as an extraction solvent.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) re-evaluated the safety of DME as an extraction solvent for the preparation of defatted animal protein products - collagen

and gelatine - and concluded that the use of DME as an extraction solvent, under the intended conditions of use and with the proposed MRLs of 3 mg/kg in collagen and collagen derivatives and 0,009 mg/kg in gelatine, is of no safety concern.

Taking into account the submitted application and the evaluation made by EFSA, it is appropriate to amend Annex I to Directive 2009/32/EC.

Therefore, Directive 2009/32/EC should be amended accordingly.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 A.O.B.

No items raised.