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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 16 OCTOBER 2015  
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

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**A.01 Presentation for information of the draft report on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2014 as required by Article 7(4) of Directive 1999/2/EC.**

The Commission presented the report and no comments were received.

**A.02 Reminder regarding the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) questionnaire on prudent use of antimicrobials in animals distributed to the Member States in August 2015.**

The Commission presented the FVO project on the prudent use of antimicrobials in animals and associated questionnaire sent to Member States and stakeholders. The aim was to confirm that all Member States had received the questionnaire, had experienced no difficulties in interpreting the questions therein and were on track to submit their responses by the requested deadline of 16 November 2015. No Member State representative raised any comment or objection so the Chair concluded that the questionnaire had been properly received by all Member States and that responses were being prepared.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards lists of approved food establishments.**

The Commission presented a draft Regulation introducing TRACES as an alternative tool for the listing of approved food establishments. It explained that the model for food chain information has been left out pending further consultation of stakeholders. No comments were made on the draft which was voted with unanimity. However, Germany indicated their disappointment that the model for food chain information was no longer included and requested that the following declaration be included in the minutes of the meeting:

### **Declaration by Germany:**

"SCoPAFF - Biologische Sicherheit - am 16. Oktober 2015

Protokollerklärung der deutschen Delegation zum Punkt B.01 - SANTE\_10514\_2014

Deutschland bedauert sehr die Herausnahme der Regelung zur Lebensmittelketteninformation aus dem Dokument SANTE\_10514\_2014. Deutschland erinnert die Kommission an ihre Zusage aus der Sitzung der Arbeitsgruppe zur Implementierung des Hygienepaketes vom 16. September 2015, nach Abschluss der Abstimmung mit der Wirtschaft ein entsprechendes Modell zur Lebensmittelketteninformation in einem separaten Verordnungsvorschlag vorzulegen. Auch in den seinerzeitigen Erwägungsgründen 5 und 6 des Dokumentes 10514 zu dem Musterdokument weist die Kommission darauf hin, dass eine harmonisierte Lebensmittelketteninformation wesentlich ist, um den Betreiber des Schlachthofes und den amtlichen Tierarzt bei deren Tätigkeiten zu unterstützen. Diese Auffassung wird auch nachdrücklich von Deutschland unterstützt. "

### **Unofficial Translation:**

Germany regrets the removal of the regulation on food-chain information from the document SANTE\_10514\_2014. Germany reminded the Commission of its commitment made in the meeting of the Working Group on the implementation of the hygiene package of 16 September 2015 after the completion of vote with the group to submit an appropriate model for the food chain information in a separate proposal for a Regulation. Even in its early recitals 5 and 6 of the document 10514 to the sample document, the Commission points out that a harmonized food chain information is essential to assist the operator of the slaughterhouse and the official veterinarian with their activities. This view is also strongly supported by Germany.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

### **B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards gelatine, collagen and highly refined products of animal origin intended for human consumption. (See point B.01 of the PAFF meeting of 23 June 2015)**

Points B.02 and B.03 are closely related. The purpose of the draft legal acts is to bring together lists of third countries allowed to import certain food of animal origin and certificates into one single act for reasons of consistency and clarity. In addition, specific requirements are laid down for treated materials for the production of gelatine and collagen, and for certain highly refined products, to avoid current confusion on which certificate to use. The initial draft was split into two acts at the request of the legal service.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down lists of third countries, parts of third countries and/or territories authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain food of animal origin, and health certificate requirements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and repealing Decision 2003/812/EC. (See point B.02 of the PAFF meeting of 23 June 2015)**

On this point, voting was deferred until the next PAFF Committee meeting, as an important animal health issue arose shortly before the meeting. It was explained that this will not delay the overall process of the legislation, as the legislative procedure for this point is the shorter Examination Procedure, compared with the linked point B.02 which will be by Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny (PRAC) which takes three months.

**Vote postponed**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision establishing the sampling procedures and methods of analysis for the determination of drained net weight of glazed fishery products.**

The draft Commission Decision establishes a common method of sampling and analysis for the determination of drained net weight of glazed fishery products based on the Welmec guide 6.8 (WELMEC is a co-operation between the legal metrology authorities of the Member States of the European Union and EFTA) where CODEX standards exist they will apply.

**Vote postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No .../. amending the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments set out in Part 1 of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the lists of third countries from which table eggs may be introduced into the Union.**

This draft Regulation concerns the approval of the programme for Salmonella control in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and authorising imports of class A eggs into the Union from that country.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and no comments were made by Member States on the approval of the Salmonella control programme and the animal health requirements to be met by FYROM. However, two Member States raised the lack of animal welfare standards in the production of table eggs in Third Countries.