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AGENDA

Section A **Information and/or discussion**

- A.01** Possible endorsement of a revised version of the 2013 Commission Staff working document on *Listeria monocytogenes* shelf-life studies for ready-to-eat foods under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs (MP)

This revised document aims to update the 2013 version to reflect recent regulatory developments, replace outdated information, and expand its content to ensure alignment with current guidelines. The revision also seeks to enhance the document's clarity and usability for stakeholders, providing a more effective tool for implementing *Listeria monocytogenes* shelf-life studies for ready-to-eat foods as required by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005.

- A.02** Presentation by EFSA of the outcomes of an updated rapid outbreak assessment (ROA) on a prolonged multi-country outbreak of *Salmonella* Strathcona ST2559 linked to consumption of tomatoes in the European Union/European Economic Area (published on 30 October 2025) (MP)

A prolonged cross-border outbreak of *Salmonella* Strathcona ST2559 is ongoing in the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) with tomatoes consistently identified as the main food source in various investigations related to this outbreak.

Section B **Draft(s) presented for an opinion**

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 lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (PHS)

The purpose of this Regulation is to amend Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 and to list and delist third countries or regions to enter the Union of goods intended for human consumption, if so needed. In addition, the intention is to update the Regulation to reflect the assessment by the Commission of the residue control plans provided by third countries for different commodities.

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Legal Basis: Regulation (EU) 2017/625 - Articles 127(2) and (4)

Procedure: Examination procedure

Section C **Draft(s) presented for discussion**

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 as regards the conditions for the classification and monitoring of classified production and relaying areas for live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods (PC)

The purpose of this Regulation is to amend Article 56 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 allowing Member States to carry out the complete sanitary survey only in production and relaying areas to be classified for the first time, leaving to the monitoring programme the controls and the examination of the classified production and relaying areas and to amend Article 61 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 allowing the Member States to close the production area also when increasing trends of marine biotoxins in live bivalve molluscs are identified, even before the maximum limits have been reached, and not only when changes in toxic species of algae during the phytoplankton monitoring are detected that may lead to toxin accumulation

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Legal Basis: Regulation (EU) 2017/625 - Article 18 (8), point (b)

Procedure: Examination procedure