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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 5 & 6 JULY 2011  
(Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain)**

President: Alberto Laddomada.

All the Member States were present.

- 1. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on emergency measures applicable to fenugreek and certain seeds and beans used for sprouting imported from Egypt. (Legal base: Article 53(1)(b)(i) and Article 53(1)(b)(iii) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure) (Doc. SANCO/11746/2011)**

The Commission's representative informed that on 5 July, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published a report on a tracing back exercise of seeds used for sprouting and concluded that one lot of fenugreek exported from Egypt is the link between the German and French outbreak of Shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli-bacteria (STEC), serotype O104:H4. Based on this report, the Commission presented this draft Implementing Decision proposing to withdraw from the market and to destroy all lots of fenugreek seeds imported from one Egyptian exporter between 2009 and 2011, and to temporarily ban until 31 October 2011 the import of certain types of seeds and beans from Egypt. The draft Implementing Decision was discussed during the meeting and the Commission provided clarifications on the scope of its proposal.

**Vote: unanimous in favour.**