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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 12 JUNE 2017 - 13 JUNE 2017
(Section General Food Law)**

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A.01 Exchange of views on the Italian notification of the draft Decree concerning the indication of origin on the label of durum wheat for durum wheat flour pastas as notified to the Commission on 12 May 2017 according to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.

The Italian delegation provided a presentation of the notified draft decree and its justifications.

The Italian authorities explained that the draft notified measure was based on the consumers' interest and the specific quality of the Italian durum wheat in pasta. In addition, the beneficial effects of the measure for the Italian farmers have been underlined.

With regard to the content of the notified draft, it was explained that it would require the indication of the "country of cultivation of wheat" and the "country of flour milling".

The Italian delegation stated that the draft measure included a mutual recognition clause and that it would have experimental character until 30 September 2020.

11 Member States strongly criticised the increasing number of national notifications requiring mandatory origin indication and hence fragmenting the Internal Market.

The Commission explained that it is assessing the draft measure and that the standstill period will end on the 13 August 2017.

A.02 Exchange of views on the Italian notification of the draft Decree concerning the indication of origin on the label of rice as notified to the Commission on 12 May 2017 according to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.

The Italian delegation provided a presentation of the notified decree and its justifications.

The Italian authorities explained that the draft notified measure was based on the consumers' interest and the specific quality of the Italian rice. In addition, the beneficial effects of those measures for the Italian farmers have been underlined.

It was explained that the draft notified measure would require the indication on the label of the "country of cultivation of rice", "country of processing" and the "country of packaging".

The Italian delegation stated that the draft measure included a mutual recognition clause, and that it would have experimental character until 30 September 2020.

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The Commission explained that it is assessing the measure and that the standstill period will end on the 13 August 2017.