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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council |
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| Subject: | COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... of 12.4.2021 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific hygiene requirements for food of animal origin <i>- Intention not to raise objections</i> |

1. On 12 April 2021, the Commission submitted the above delegated act to the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and Article 11a of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin¹.

The Council may object to it until 13 August 2021, following the request of extension of the objection period by the European Parliament.

2. During a silence consultation, one delegation indicated its intention to object to this delegated act².

¹ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55.

² WK 7419/2021.

3. Consequently, the Presidency included the item on the agenda of the informal VTC of the members of the Chief Veterinary Officers on 21 June 2021. During the discussion, the delegation which had indicated its intention to object to the delegated act explained its concerns which were related to the restrictions concerning the freezing of meat preparations. Its intervention was followed by interventions by two other delegations who presented comments and questions without raising objections³.
4. At the end of the discussion, the Presidency noted that there was no qualified majority in favour of objecting to the act.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Coreper recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, confirm that it has no intention to object to the delegated act and that the Commission and the European Parliament are to be informed thereof. This implies that, unless the European Parliament objects to it, the delegated act shall be published and enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

³ WK 5853/2021 and WK 7955/2021.