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- Comments from the Belgian delegation

Delegations will find attached the comments by the Belgian delegation in relation to Presidency's proposed amendments (doc. 5861/23 REV 3).

Remarks of the Belgian delegation on the

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Belgium thanks the Swedish Presidency and the members of the Council for the work carried out.

Belgium would like the following clarifications to be included in the basic act.

Essential elements (non-acceptable):

Recital 5 c) : addition

The usefulness of the existence of a link between the FSDN and the other data sources made by using an identifier must be demonstrated: the non-existence of the identifier prevents the Commission from carrying out the evaluation of the EU.

The Commission may not query Member States if they find an inconsistency between data from the FSDN and data from another database. The Commission may note the difference, but it cannot force us to explain the origin of this difference, for example by questioning the validation of our work.

Therefore we would like to see changes in Art 4a and Art 7 and Art 19b:

- Article 4a §3b

It is stated that “When adopting these implementing acts, the Commission shall take into account the feasibility of extracting data”. We would like it to be clearer that the data extracted are not only feasible but also assessed as relevant for FSDN.

- Article 7 § 1,e : addition

The verification is only done for the data communicated via the farm return transmitted for the FSDN.

- **Article 19b** should be amended, a reference to article 4a should also be added here.

In the case of acts referred to in Article 8(54), point (a), and Article 4a paragraph 3, point (a), of this Regulation, where the Committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and Article 5(4), third subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.”

Questions:

Article 2 : form

The definition of “returning holding” should be before the definition of « farm return »