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ON-LINE MEETING BETWEEN COMMISSION AND EIHA

28 MAY 2021

TIME: 15 H TO 16:15

MINUTES

Participants: Representative of European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA)
SANTE-Unit E2 and E5 representatives

As requested by EIHA, the online meeting on 28 May 2021 was held with the aim to inform the Commission on the ruling of two German Administrative courts on the status of hemp leaves and further discuss several topics such as the use of hemp derived feed materials including CBD-rich feed materials for pet food, update on the toxicological strategy by EIHA regarding THC and CBD, novel food status of hemp products after being treated by cold pressing, and any update by the Commission after the judgment by ECJ in kanavape.

On hemp leaves and in particular the use of the leaves for infusions, EIHA informed there are still diverging views by MS and EIHA is of the view that the judgment of German courts may help to consider that use as not novel. EIHA is considering submitting a consultation request under the novel food regulation to a Member State to determine the novel food status on the hemp leaves. On the feed side, the E5 representative explained how hemp derived products are embedded in the legal EU framework and informed EIHA that the discussions on the revision of the EU Catalogue of feed materials with respect to the hemp entries are ongoing. E5 representative invited EIHA to deliver supplementary information on CBD contents in the various hemp derived feed materials. EIHA announced that it might come up with an application for CBD as feed additive.

EIHA also updated the Commission on the established roadmap as regards the toxicological studies that they intend to perform and submit to EFSA in order to revise the health-based guidance value on THC established by EFSA. Toxicity studies on CBD will be also performed as part of the novel food applications submitted by EIHA.

EIHA informed the Commission on the Irish authority position on hemp products after being treated by cold pressing. The Commission also indicated that there are still diverging views between the Member States and a consultation request under the novel food regulation may be submitted if doubts exist.

Finally, EIHA asked the Commission whether there is any update on the ongoing discussion with the relevant DGs after the ECJ ruling on CBD. The Commission clearly indicated that the discussion has not yet finalised and no further information could be given.

EIHA thanked the Commission for taking the time and replied to its questions.