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Steering Group on Impact Assessment for the forthcoming review of the EU general food labelling policy

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SUMMARY RECORD

Present: [REDACTED] (SANCO, E4), [REDACTED] (SANCO, 02), [REDACTED], (AGRI),
[REDACTED] (ENTR), [REDACTED] (SG)

Draft impact assessment general food labelling legislation

The Chair thanked the Steering Group for their assistance with process of preparing the impact assessment and stressed the challenging time constraints with the adoption of the forthcoming proposal.

The most important comments on the draft Impact Assessment report on general food labelling were the following:

- To make clear why the options of deregulation or not taking any EU action were not considered as appropriate solutions.
- To emphasise the simplification aspects of the initiative.
- To elaborate and provide more information to support the comments on administrative burden. If it was not possible to provide more detailed data on this issue then it was suggested that this should be explained including what action had been taken to collect data.
- The definition of the problem was clear.

The services indicated that the document had been sent to their colleagues and additional comments would be provided by email.

Next steps

The Chair indicated that the date for submission to the Impact Assessment Board (IAB) was 27 June. The draft report would be revised and circulated to the Group before submission to the IAB.

The Chair thanked the participants for their comments on the draft report.

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