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Forwarding of the observations of a Member State (Hungary) (article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535). These observations do not have the effect of extending the standstill period.

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5. article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535

6. In connection with the draft Decree on the use of certain designations used to describe foods containing vegetable proteins (hereinafter: draft Decree), which was notified by France, Hungary submits the following comment.

The draft Decree prohibits certain products to contain plant protein, among others, in the case of products with the designation ‘meat product’. However, point 7.1 of Annex 1 to 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 origin defines meat products as processed products resulting from the processing of meat or from the further processing of such processed products, so that the cut surface shows that the product no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat This definition thus does not preclude the use of ingredients of plant origin. The regulation under the draft Decree is therefore not in line with EU

legislation in this regard.

Hungary would like to request the clarification as to whether the term ‘grilled’, which cannot be used for the designation of foods containing plant protein and which is included in the definition of two products (grilled sausages, grilled saucisson), also refers to the word ‘grill’. It is also less obvious in what way the designation ‘grilled vegetables’ may be used in the light of the general prohibition.

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