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6. The Commission requests information on how the Czech Republic has taken into account its comments on notification 2024/278/CZ.

In this regard, we state:

For all the semi-synthetic cannabinoids concerned (HHC, THCP, THCH, THCB) annotated with the words ‘Except for the substance (...), if present in industrial hemp plants, industrial hemp, hemp extract and a tincture and industrial hemp preparation in quantities below 0.3 %. This exemption does not apply to foodstuffs.’, these words shall be replaced by the words ‘Except for the substance (...) if present in industrial hemp plants, industrial hemp, hemp extract and a tincture and industrial hemp preparation in unavoidable naturally occurring trace amounts. This exemption does not apply to foodstuffs.’. This amendment will be made with the next revision of this Regulation, which is expected by 1 July 2025 at the latest.

With regard to the comprehensive amendment to Act No 167/1998 on addictive substances, which from 1. 1. 2025 introduces new lists of controlled substances, including the currently discussed list of scheduled psychoactive substances, there has been a transfer of currently scheduled substances from the list of addictive substances to the list of scheduled psychoactive substances, which obliges their further evaluation and more detailed examination, inter alia, by the State Health Institute. Based on previous comments in notification 2024/278/CZ, the current state of scheduling of

substances was reassessed, which resulted in the adoption of an amendment to the Addictive Substances Act. However, implementing legislation is still being prepared, and substance evaluation is still ongoing and is expected to conclude at the end of June 2025.

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