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Subject: COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EU) No 873/2012 on transitional measures concerning the Union list of flavourings and source materials set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the extension of the transition period of Article 4 concerning the flavouring 'grill flavour concentrate (vegetable)' FL no. 21.002

- *Decision not to oppose adoption*

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Delegations will find in the Annex a statement for the Council minutes submitted by the United Kingdom delegation.

**Statement by the United Kingdom**

The UK is disappointed that the proposed measure provides for the extension of the transitional period for one grill flavouring only ('grill flavour concentrate (vegetable)' FL no. 21.002) and does not cover the other two grill flavourings for which applications were submitted (i.e. Grillin' 5078 FL no 21.003 and Grillin' CB-200SF FL No 21.004).

Both Grillin' flavourings (FL No 21.003 and 21.004) are the subject of equivocal EFSA opinions resulting from a lack of data and in the UK's view, do not as such provide sufficient justification for risk management action. Their exclusion from this proposal of will result in the removal of products from the market despite no proven safety concerns. This is an undesirable precedent as further scientific studies are being undertaken by the applicant which would enable for a more thorough assessment of their safety to be made.

In accordance with the objectives of the flavouring legislation (Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008) the UK considers that it would have been more appropriate to extend the transitional period set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 873/2012 for all three grill flavourings until such time that a more robust assessment of their safety can be carried out and subsequent risk management measures become justifiable. This approach would have ensured a consistent treatment of the three grill flavouring applications.