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Directorate H. Sustainability and Quality of Agriculture and Rural Development
H.3. Organic farming

Brussels, 20 and 21 November 2012
AGRI. H3/LM

NOVEMBER 2012 HEARING ON EU ORGANIC PRODUCTION

THEME: EXTERNAL TRADE IN ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND GLOBAL ISSUES
20 AND 21 NOVEMBER 2012

AGENDA FOR BOTH DAYS

I. Facts and figures on external trade of organic products

EU imports and exports: volumes and value
Origins and destinations: countries + regions
Price considerations
Type of products
Employment

II. Experience with the application of EU organic farming legislation

Equivalence, authorisations, compliance, reciprocity
Controls, certification, accreditation
Customs
Codex
Results/impacts for operators, stakeholders, consumers, Member States' and third countries' administrations, Commission
Consumers' expectations and perception
Positive/negative points of current framework
The GMO issue

III. Global and general issues

Climate change
Food security
Sustainable food

III. A look to the future

Objectives
Suggestions for the future: improvements, changes (policy and regulatory)

Weaknesses to be addressed and solutions proposed
Trends and patterns
Innovation

PROGRAMME FOR BOTH DAYS

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

I. Morning session 9h00 – 13h00

9h00 Introduction DG AGRI-H3

A1. Operators/Traders

9h00 COPA-COGECA

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10h00 IFOAM representative

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B1. Trade and market access

11h30 Global Organic Market Access (GOMA)

12h00 COLEACP PIP (non-profit inter-professional association, representing and defending the collective interests of ACP producers/exporters and EU importers of fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants)

A2. Operators/Traders

12h30 ECF European Coffee Federation

II. Lunch break 13h00 – 14h00

III. Afternoon Session 14h00 – 17h30

A3. Operators/Traders

14h00 FRESHFEL – European Fresh Produce Association

C1. Processors

14h30 HIPP (organic baby foods producer)

15h00 SYNABIO - Syndicat National des entreprises bio au service de la filière agriculture biologique

D1. Third country representatives

15h30 USDA National Organic Program (Videolink)

E. Retailers

16h00 L'heureux nouveau

A2. Operators/Traders

16h30 FRUCOM European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables, Processed Fishery Products, Spices, Honey and Similar Foodstuffs

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

I. Morning session 9h00 – 13h00

B2. Trade and market access

10h00 Import Working party

F. Global issues and organic agriculture

10h30 Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) Brussels Office

11h00 University of Hohenheim

C2. Processors

12h00 Representative of VALIO – Finnish dairy farmer owned company (Videolink)

12h30 Vossen & Co SA/NV – Organic essential oils

II. Lunch break 13h00 – 14h00

III. Afternoon Session 14h00 – 17h00

D2. Third country representatives

14h00 Representative of Switzerland Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft, Leiter Sektion Qualitäts- und Absatzförderung (Videolink)

G. The GMO issue

14h30 Instituut voor Landbouw- en Visserijonderzoek (ILVO VLAANDEREN)

D3. Third country representatives

15h30 Representative of Canada (Videolink)