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Short Report of the 100th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF) of 27-28 September 2011

President: Ms M A Benitez Salas, Mr J-F Hulot

27 Member States were present. Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. (possibly) Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (recognition of control bodies for the purpose of equivalence)**

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation was not presented for the opinion of the Committee.

- 2. (possibly) Proposition de décision d'exécution de la Commission relative à la position à adopter par l'Union européenne au sein du Comité mixte de l'agriculture institué par l'accord entre la Communauté européenne et la Confédération suisse relatif aux échanges de produits agricoles, sur la modification de l'annexe 9 de l'accord**

The Commission Implementing Decision received a favourable opinion by unanimity: 345 votes in favour.

- 3. (possibly) Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries**

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity: 345 votes in favour.

Section B - Points for information and/or discussion

1. Organic legislation

Information was provided by the Commission and an exchange of views took place concerning organic wine, animal feed rules and organic shrimp production.

2. Expert Group on Technical Advice for Organic Farming

The state of play concerning the works of the Expert Group was presented together with an overview of future activities.

3. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation

The updated list of EU control authorities and control bodies was presented. A list of EU organic farming contact points was presented and the delegations were invited to provide comments by 7 October 2011. An overview of other notifications according to the organic farming legislation was presented.

4. Import regime

An overview of the situation concerning annual reports from Third Countries listed for equivalence as well as pending requests for recognition was presented.

5. Irregularities and controls

An update on notifications concerning EU irregularities as well as irregularities for products imported to the EU was presented.

6. OFIS

Information was provided concerning latest developments in OFIS (Organic Farming Information System).

7. Miscellaneous:

The Commission provided information concerning different questions related to organic farming. It also informed the delegations on the working document concerning controls.

(signed)

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List of participants

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| Country | Ministry/Organisation | Number of Participants |
|-----------|---|------------------------|
| BE | Service public de Wallonie, DG Agriculture, Ressources naturelles & Environnement, Direction de la Qualité Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap, Afdeling Duurzame Landbouwontwikkeling | 2 |
| BG | Ministry of Agriculture and Food | 1 |
| CZ | Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| DK | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries – the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Division for Food Quality, Technology and Marketing Practices – Danish Plant Directorate | 2 |
| DE | Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz – BMELV, Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung – BLE, Ministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Landwirtschaft, Natur und Verbraucherschutz | 3 |
| EE | Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| EL | Ministry of Rural Development and Food, Directorate of Organic Farming | 1 |
| ES | Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino Subdir. Gen. de Calidad Diferenciada y Agricultura Ecológica | 2 |
| FR | Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation et de la pêche, Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie, INAO | 3 |
| IE | Department of Agriculture and Food | 1 |
| IT | Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali Ufficio SAQX – Agricoltura biologica | 3 |
| CY | Permanent Representation | 1 |
| LV | Permanent Representation | 1 |
| LT | Resources and Quality Policy Department - Agri-Environmental and Organic Farming Division, Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| LU | Ministère de l'Agriculture, de la Viticulture et du Développement Rural – Administration des Services Techniques de l'Agriculture | 1 |
| HU | Ministry of Rural Development | 1 |
| MT | Ministry for Resource and Rural Affairs – Organic Farming section Agricultural Research & Development Centre | 1 |
| NL | Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, HPA | 2 |
| AT | Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (BMG), Institut für Biologische Landwirtschaft und Biodiversität HBLFA Raumberg-Gumpenstein | 2 |
| PL | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Department of Agricultural Markets, Department of Programming and Analysis | 2 |
| PT | Ministério da Agricultura, Mar, Ambiente e Ordenamento do Território | 1 |

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| RO | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 |
| SI | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food – Agriculture Markets Division | 1 |
| SK | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 |
| FI | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Health Department | 1 |
| SE | Swedish Board of Agriculture | 1 |
| UK | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – DEFRA | 2 |
| NO | Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food - Department of Food Policy , The Norwegian food safety authority | 2 |
| CH | Federal Department of Economic Affairs FDEA Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG Quality and Sales Promotion Section | 1 |
| COM | European Commission | 10 |