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Short Report of the 103rd meeting of the

Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF) of 24-25 November 2011

President: Mr J-F Hulot

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

p.m. no point under section A of the agenda

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

1. Basic substances

A presentation was made on article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC.

2. Expert Group on Technical Advice for Organic Farming (EGTOP)

The state of play of the works of the EGTOP was presented including the mandates on poultry and food sub-groups and the MS dossiers templates from the reports on fertilisers and soil conditioners and feed.

3. Implementing rules (Regulation 889/2008)

Brief information was provided on the state of play of the organic wine and of the organic feed. The delegations were also informed on the preparation of draft interpretative RIPAC notes on labelling issues and were also provided with an update on reporting under the EU organic farming legislation.

4. Codex Alimentarius

An update on the follow-up concerning organic aquaculture was provided.

5. Import regime (Regulation 1235/2008)

The delegations from the Member States participated in the assessment of the applications of control bodies and control authorities lodged by 31 October 2009 for the purpose of equivalence in accordance with Art. 11 of Reg. (EC) 1235/2008. An update was provided concerning the status of the negotiations with the United States of America and the delegations were also informed on the situation concerning equivalence with third countries.

6. OFIS, irregularities and controls

An update on notifications concerning EU irregularities as well as irregularities for products imported into the EU was provided and a discussion took place. The delegations received information on the latest developments of OFIS (Organic farming Information System).

7. Miscellaneous

A series of issues related to the EU organic farming legislation were discussed and information was provided by the Commission and several delegations.

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Director

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 QUALITE VLAAMSE OVERHEID, AFDELING DUURZAME LANDBOUWONTWIKKELING	2
BG	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
CZ	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF CZECH REPUBLIC	2
DK	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – THE DANISH VETERINARY AND FOOD ADMINISTRATION – DIVISION FOR FOOD QUALITY, TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING PRACTICES MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – DANISH PLANT DIRECTORATE	2
DE	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV LANDESAMT FÜR NATUR, UMWELT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	5
EE	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
IE	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	1
EL	NO REPRESENTATION	-
ES	MINISTERIO DE MEDIO AMBIENTE Y MEDIO RURAL Y MARINO – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	2
FR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE MINISTRY OF FINANCE INAO PARIS	3
IT	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO SAQX – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	2
CY	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	1
LV	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
LT	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE –RESOURCES AND QUALITY POLICY DEPARTMENT – AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ORGANIC FARMING DIVISION	1
LU	MINISTERE DE L' AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL – ADMINISTRATION DES SERVICES TECHNIQUES DE L'AGRICULTURE	1
HU	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF FOOD CHAIN CONTROL	1
MT	MINISTRY FOR RESOURCES AND RURAL AFFAIRS – ORGANIC FARMING SECTION – AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	1
NL	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INNOVATION	2
AT	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG)	1
PL	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS	1
PT	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SEA, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING – MAMAOT	1

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RO	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
SI	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD	2
SK	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
FI	NO REPRESENTATION	-
SE	MINISTRY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY – FOOD STANDARDS DEPARTMENT SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	3
UK	DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC FARMING UNIT	2
NO	NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD - DEPARTMENT OF FOOD POLICY NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	2
CH	FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FDEA - FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE FOAG - QUALITY AND SALES PROMOTION SECTION	1
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