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Short Report of the 105th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming of 7 and 8 February 2012

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

26 Member States were present or represented. Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as regards detailed rules on organic wine**

The draft Commission Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority: 296 votes in favour.

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

1. Implementing rules (Regulation 889/2008)

The Commission presented the state of play concerning organic feed and informed the delegations on a working document to amend Annex I and II of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards fertilizers, soil conditioners and plant protection products.

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

The state of play of the activities of the EGTOP was presented. The presentation included the Member States (MS) requests for amendments of technical annexes, a summary of the MS contributions concerning the poultry mandate and the plant and plant protection products reports, with particular reference to the relevant MS dossier template.

3. Study on the use and efficiency of public support measures addressing organic farming

The Commission presented the results of the study which is due to be published in the weeks to come.

4. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)

The Commission presented a working document concerning an amendment of Regulation No 1235/2008 and provided information concerning relations with different Third Countries. An overview of the situation concerning the applications received by control bodies and control authorities for the purpose of equivalence was presented and the delegations participated in the assessment of applications.

5. FVO Organic farming audits in the EU and in Third Countries

Information was provided by the Commission concerning the missions in 2012 by the Food and Veterinary Office.

6. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation

The Commission provided an overview of the notifications and reports received.

7. Irregularities and controls

An update concerning notifications on products from the European Union as well as on products from Third Countries was presented and a discussion took place.

8. Miscellaneous

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

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(Signed)

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	2
BE	VLAAMSE OVERHEID, AFDELING DUURZAME LANDBOUWONTWIKKELING	
BG	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	1
CZ	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF CZECH REPUBLIC	1
DK	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – THE DANISH VETERINARY AND FOOD ADMINISTRATION – DIVISION FOR FOOD QUALITY, TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING PRACTICES	2
DK	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – AGRI FISH AGENCY	
DE	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	4
DE	LANDESAMT FÜR NATUR, UMWELT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ	
DE	BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	
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EE	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
IE	–	–
EL	–	–
ES	MINISTERIO DE MEDIO AMBIENTE Y MEDIO RURAL Y MARINO – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	1
FR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
FR	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	
IT	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO SAQX – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	3
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IT	CENTRO DI RICERCA PER LO STUDIO DELLE RELAZIONI TRA PIANTA E SUOLO - CONSIGLIO PER LA RICERCA E LA SPERIMENTAZIONE IN AGRICOLTURA(CRA-RPS)	
CY	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	1
LV	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
LV	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	

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LT	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE –RESOURCES AND QUALITY POLICY DEPARTMENT – AGRI-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
NL	HPA	
AT	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG)	1
PL	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION	1
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PT	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SEA, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING – MAMAOT	1
RO	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SI	MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO, GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO – AGRICULTURE MARKETS DIVISION	1
SK	CENTRAL CONTROL & TESTING INSTITUTE IN AGRICULTURE - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ORGANIC PROTECTION	1
FI	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY – FOOD AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT	1
SE	MINISTRY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS	4
SE	NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY – FOOD STANDARDS DEPARTMENT	
SE	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	
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UK	DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC FARMING UNIT	2
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NO	NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD - DEPARTMENT OF FOOD POLICY	2
NO	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	
CH	FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FDEA - FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE FOAG - QUALITY AND SALES PROMOTION SECTION	1
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