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**Short report of the 108 meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming  
of 10 and 11 July 2012**

**President: Ms M A Benitez Salas, M. J. Onofre**

26 Member States were present. Croatia, Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

**Section A – Opinion of the Committee**

(p.m.) no point

**Section B – Points for information and/or discussion**

**1. Implementing rules (Regulation (EC) No 889/2008)**

An exchange of views took place on the basis of a working document concerning potential amendment of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 with regard to the possibility to use feed from holdings in conversion as well as with regard to Annex I (fertilizers, soil conditioners) and Annex II (plant protection products).

A discussion took place concerning the state of play on the implementation of the relevant provisions for the publication of lists of operators according to Article 92a of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

**2. EGTOP plenary meeting**

The delegations were informed concerning the results of the last plenary meeting of 20-21 June 2012 as well as concerning the planned activities of the EGTOP (Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production).

**3. Use of the EU organic logo as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

A discussion took place on the use of the EU organic logo following the end of the transitional period.

#### **4. Codex alimentarius – electronic working group on aquaculture**

Information was provided on the activities planned in relation to organic aquaculture following the meeting of the Codex Committee of 15-18 May 2012.

#### **5. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)**

The delegations received information and an exchange of views took place concerning relations with China, Japan, South Korea and the US. An overview of the requests from Third Countries to be recognised as equivalent was presented. The delegations were invited to apply as co-reporters for some Third Countries and also participated in the assessment of applications of control bodies and control authorities to be recognised under the regime of equivalence. A draft working document in view of amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 with regard to the list of control bodies and control authorities to be recognised under the regime of equivalency was presented by the Commission.

#### **6. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation**

An overview of notifications and reporting to be submitted in 2012 was provided to the delegations.

#### **7. Irregularities and controls**

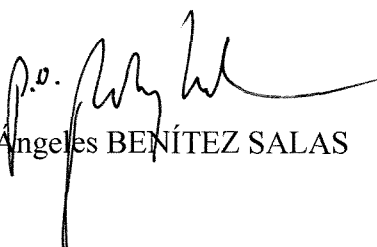
An overview of irregularities concerning EU products as well as products from Third Countries was provided. The delegations received information on the latest developments concerning OFIS and an exchange of views took place concerning imported products.

#### **8. Impact Assessment of the review of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products**

The delegations received information on the activities foreseen in the context of the planned Impact Assessment.

#### **Miscellaneous**

A series of issues related to organic farming were presented by the Commission and/or the delegations for discussion.

  
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**Annex:** List of participants

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**Standing Committee on Organic Farming of 10-11 July 2012**

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants
BE	VLAAMSE OVERHEID, AFDELING DUURZAME LANDBOUWONTWIKKELING	2
	SERVICE PUBLIC DE WALLONIE – DG AGRICULTURE, RESSOURCES NATURELLES & ENVIRONNEMENT – DIRECTION DE LA QUALITE	
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
	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – AGRI FISH AGENCY	
DE	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	3
	LANDESAMT FÜR NATUR, UMWELT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ	
	BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	
EE	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
IE	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND THE MARINE	1
ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	1
FR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
	INAO PARIS	
IT	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO SAQX – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	3

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<b>CY</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LV</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LT</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE –RESOURCES AND QUALITY POLICY DEPARTMENT – AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL AND ORGANIC FARMING DIVISION</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>HU</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF FOOD CHAIN CONTROL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MT</b>	<b>MINISTRY FOR RESOURCES AND RURAL AFFAIRS – ORGANIC FARMING SECTION – AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NL</b>	<b>HPA</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATION</b>	
	<b>HPA</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PL</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	
<b>PT</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SEA, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING – MAMAOT</b>	<b>1</b>

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<b>RO</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>PERMANENT REPRESENTATION</b>	
<b>SI</b>	<b>MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO, GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO – AGRICULTURE MARKETS DIVISION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SK</b>	<b>CENTRAL CONTROL &amp; TESTING INSTITUTE IN AGRICULTURE - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ORGANIC PROTECTION</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>PERMANENT REPRESENTATION</b>	
<b>FI</b>	<b>FINNISH FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY EVIRA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SE</b>	<b>SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>MINISTRY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS</b>	
	<b>NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY – FOOD STANDARDS DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>UK</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC FARMING UNIT</b>	<b>3</b>
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	<b>DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC FARMING UNIT</b>	
<b>NO</b>	<b>NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CH</b>	<b>MISSION OF SWITZERLAND TO THE EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CR</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	<b>8</b>

