



## **Short report of the 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming of 13 and 14 November 2012**

**President: M. J. Onofre**

27 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)**

Discussion on Annex I (fertilizers, soil conditioners) and Annex II (plant protection products) did not finally take place.

An information point was presented on Annex IX on non organic ingredients.

A discussion took place and a second version of a working document on a proposal for amending Regulations (EC) No 889/2008 as regards supervision and controls was presented.

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

The Commission presented a working document on a proposal for amendment of 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. A discussion and an exchange of views took place.

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

An overview of notifications and reporting in 2012 was presented.

#### **4. Irregularities and controls**

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

#### **5. Codex Alimentarius – electronic working groups (state of play)**

Information was provided on the current activities in relation to organic aquaculture, as well as on ethylene.

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

The delegations were briefed on developments concerning Third Countries: Japan, US, Canada, China and Korea and an exchange of views took place. An assessment of the applications of control bodies and control authorities to be recognised under the regime of equivalence for some Third Countries took place with the assistance of co-reporting Member States. A presentation was given by the deputy administrator of the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) about NOP and on the role of the US National Organic Standard Board, followed by questions and answers about the NOP and about the EU-US organic equivalence arrangement.

#### **7. Miscellaneous**

The Delegations were briefed on the state of play on Impact Assessment and the EGTOP.

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**Annex:** List of participants

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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	2
	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – AGRI FISH AGENCY	
DE	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	4
	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
EL	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD – DIRECTORATE OF ORGANIC FARMING	1
ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	2
FR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
	INAO PARIS	

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
<b>IT</b>	<b>MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO SAQX – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA</b>	<b>1</b>
<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>
<b>LU</b>	<b>MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL – ADMINISTRATION DES SERVICES TECHNIQUES DE L'AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>1</b>
<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>MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATION</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>AT</b>	<b>BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG) INSTITUT FÜR BIOLOGISCHE LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND BIODIVERSITÄT HBLFA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PL</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PT</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SEA, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING – MAMAOT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RO</b>	<b>PERMANENT REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SI</b>	<b>MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO, GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO – AGRICULTURE MARKETS DIVISION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SK</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>FI</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY – FOOD AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SE</b>	<b>SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>2</b>

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	<b>MINISTRY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>UK</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC FARMING UNIT</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CH</b>	<b>FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS - FDEA FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE FOAG - QUALITY AND SALES PROMOTION SECTION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CR</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	<b>12</b>