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Short report of the 120th meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Organic Production of 08-09 July 2014

President: Michael ERHART

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control [Ares(2014)1896749]**

All delegations voted in favour, totalling 352 votes.

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the recognition of control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of compliance and equivalence in relation to the import of organic products [Ares(2014)432156]**

A discussion with the delegations took place.

- 2. Presentation by EUROSTAT: Organic farming statistics – state of play of the data collection**

The delegations were informed about the state of play of the data collection on organic farming.

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

The delegations were updated on the reporting and notifications received.

- 4. Irregularities and controls**

The delegations were updated on the notification of irregularities concerning imported products.

5. Presentation by delegations: Examination, according to Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, of the import authorisations granted to operators concerned by the Vertical Bio operation

Discussion on the information provided by the delegations concerned.

6. Presentation by DG MARE of draft working document about Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control. AQUACULTURE

The Commission presented a working document based on the recommendations included in an EGTOP report, and deal primarily with the origin of organic aquaculture animals, husbandry practices, feed and products and substances allowed for use in organic aquaculture. Member States are invited to submit comments by 23/7, so that these can already be taken into account in this preparatory phase. A new document will be submitted to the Member States for discussion and possibly vote at the next meeting (22/9/2014).

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

a) Overview on third countries and CBs.

b) Korea, state of play.

The delegations were updated on the state of play of the negotiations on equivalence.

c) Information on the recent on-the spot missions carried out in Colombia, Ecuador & Chile.

The delegations were informed on the main results of the on-the-spot verifications carried out in Colombia (5-9/05), Ecuador (12-16/05) and Chile (19-23/05).

8. Miscellaneous¹

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Annex: List of participants

¹ Any subjects that the Member States wish to discuss under Point 'Miscellaneous' need to be submitted to the Commission and the other Member States at the latest one week before the meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Organic Production.

List of participants
Regulatory Committee on Organic Production of 07-08 July 2014

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants
BE	SERVICE PUBLIC DE WALLONIE – DG AGRICULTURE, RESSOURCES NATURELLES & ENVIRONNEMENT – DIRECTION DE LA QUALITE	2
	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
	MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES – AGRI FISH AGENCY	
DE	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	4
	BUNDEANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG - BLE	
	GERMAN FEDERAL OFFICE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	
	LANDESAMT FÜR NATUR, UMWELT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ	
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 Unit of Organic Products of Animal Origin	1
ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	1
FR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	3
	DGCRF	
	INAO PARIS	
CR	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
IT	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO PQA5 – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	4
CY		1
LV	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
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 RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF FOOD CHAIN CONTROL	1
MT	MINISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE	1

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NL	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS	2
AT	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG)	2
	INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING AND FARM ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY	
PL	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION	1
PT	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SEA, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING – MAMAOT	1
RO	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
SI	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT	1
SK	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
FI	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY – FOOD DEPARTMENT	1
SE	NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY – FOOD STANDARDS DEPARTMENT	2
	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	
UK	DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) – ORGANIC TEAM	2
EFTA	–	
IS	–	
NO	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	1
CH	MISSION OF SWITZERLAND TO THE EUROPEAN UNION	1