



**Short report of the 130th meeting of the Committee on Organic
Production of 20 January 2016**

President: Diego CANGA FANO

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending 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**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation. It is to be voted in the next meeting.

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards an electronic certificate of inspection (D042122)**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation. A discussion followed.

- 2. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards substances: Annex II, VI & VIII (D041571)**

The Commission informed the Committee about the latest modifications of the draft before a TBT notification is going to be launched.

3. Overview of the audits carried out by the Food and Veterinary Office on organic production and labelling of organic products

The Commission presented the results of the Overview reports of audits on organic production carried out on Third Countries, Member states and Control Bodies recognised under equivalence in the period 2012-2014.

4. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU

1. Overview of notifications

The Commission provided an overview of notifications for the period 3 November 2015 to 31 December 2015.

2. Timeliness of OFIS EU notifications/responses

The Commission has given an overall assessment of how MS respected reporting deadlines in 2015.

3. Cases for presentation

Irregularities reported by Romania as country of origin¹ : updates were given by RO, whereas the COM provided its preliminary assessment.

5. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products

1. Overview of notifications as per 15/12/2015

2. Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion

a. 152/2015 - DE – honey from Mexico

b. 189/2015 - DE – ginger from China

c. 185/2015 - NL – banana from Ecuador

d. 121/2015 – UK – barley grass powder from China

3. Imports from Ukraine and neighbouring countries

The Commission presented the latest developments in this dossier. A discussion followed

6. EGTOP

The Commission informed about the draft mandates discussed at the last EGTOP plenary group meeting in December and the state of art of the two draft reports on cleaning and disinfection, and fertilisers (II).

¹ See Romanian authorities' e-mail to delegates on 7 December 2015, posted in CIRCABC

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

The Commission presented the state of play on current (Chile) and future negotiations on equivalence agreements with Latin American countries (Colombia and Mexico).

8. Reporting of operators to EUROSTAT and in annual reports under MANCPs

The Commission presented the internal draft working document and invited the delegations to send comments by 22 February to agri-b4@ec.europa.eu, in view of the workshop with national experts to be held early March.

9. Miscellaneous²

- DEET following request from MS
An exchange of views took place concerning the presence of DEET in organic products.
- National catalogue of measures
The Commission gave an update on the situation on the basis of MS responses.
- Use of private samples in OFIS irregularity notifications (Not presented)

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Annex: List of participants

² 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 Committee on Organic Production.

List of participants
Committee on Organic Production of 20 January 2016

Country	Organisation	Participants
BELGIUM	SERVICE PUBLIC DE WALLONIE – DG AGRICULTURE, RESSOURCES NATURELLES & ENVIRONNEMENT – DIRECTION DE LA QUALITE	1
	VLAAMSE OVERHEID, DEPARTEMENT LANDBOUW & VISSERIJ	1
BULGARIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
DENMARK	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD	2
GERMANY	BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	1
	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	1
ESTONIA	MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS	1
IRELAND	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND THE MARINE	1
GREECE	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SPAIN	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE – SUBDIR. GEN. DE CALIDAD DIFERENCIADA Y AGRICULTURA ECOLÓGICA	2
	DEPARTEMENTO DE AGRICULTURA, GANADERÍA Y PESCA - GENERALIDAD DE CATALUÑA	1
FRANCE	MINISTÈRE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE L'AGROALIMENTAIRE ET DE LA FORÊT	1
	DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DE LA CONCURRENCE, DE LA CONSOMMATION ET DE LA RÉPRESSION DES FRAUDES	1
	INAO	1
CROATIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
ITALY	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARI E FORESTALI – UFFICIO PQAI.15 – AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	2
CYPRUS	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1

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LATVIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
LITHUANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
LUXEMBOURG	MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DE LA PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS	1
HUNGARY	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – DEPARTMENT OF FOOD CHAIN CONTROL	1
MALTA	MINISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE	1
NETHERLANDS	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS	2
AUSTRIA	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR GESUNDHEIT (BMG)	1
POLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
PORTUGAL	DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
ROMANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
SLOVENIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD	1
SLOVAKIA	CCTIA CENTRAL CONTROL AND TESTING INSTITUTE IN AGRICULTURE	1
FINLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY	1
SWEDEN	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	1
	NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY – FOOD STANDARDS DEPARTMENT	1
UNITED KINGDOM	DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	1
EFTA	-	-
ICELAND	-	-
NORWAY	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	1
	NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	1
SWITZERLAND	FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH EAER	2