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Directorate B. Multilateral relations, quality policy
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Short report of the 132nd meeting of the Committee on Organic Production of 6 April 2016

President: Diego CANGA FANO

24 Member States were present. 4 Member States were absent. Norway was present as observer.

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards substances: Annex II, VI & VIII (D041571).**
The Commission presented the document with the latest changes as result of the TBT notification. The Committee gave a favourable opinion on the draft Regulation (24 MS in favour and 4 Member States abstained).

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 the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (Ares(2016)1223886 - extending recognition for 6 control bodies until 30 June 2018).**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation. It will be voted at the next meeting. A discussion followed.

- 2. 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 (Ares(2016)1264394 - consolidated Annex IV).**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation. Written comments to be sent by 22 April.

- 3. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the electronic certificate of inspection and Regulation (EC)**

No 889/2008 as regards the requirements for the preparation of food and feed and the transmission of information to the Commission (D042122).

The Commission shared with the delegations an amended version of the draft Regulation. A discussion followed. Written comments to be sent by 15 April.

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

1. Overview of notifications as per 07/03/2015
2. Overview of meeting the deadline to reply to OFIS notification (2015)
3. Cases for presentation
 - INEU 250/2015 (dandelion leaves), 251/2015 (daisy), 255/2015 (dandelion leaves) DE-PLPresentation by Poland (notified country) followed by discussions.

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

1. Overview of notifications as per 07/03/2016
2. Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
 - a. 60/201 – DE – rapeseed from Ukraine
 - b. 53/2016 - UK – soybean meal from China
3. Follow-up of cases presented in COP:
 - 121/2015 – UK – barley grass powder from China

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

Chile

The Commission informed the delegations about the initialling of the agreement on trade in organic products with Chile, scheduled for 7 April 2016.

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

The Commission presented a revised version of the draft working document, written comments by 15 April 2016.

8. Miscellaneous¹

Discussion on the production of organic rice in the EU continued and delegations were

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 Committee on Organic Production.

invited to provide information on the situation on their respective countries.

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Diego CANGA FANO

Annex: List of participants

List of participants
Committee on Organic Production of 6 April 2016

Country	Organisation	Participants
BELGIUM	SERVICE PUBLIC DE WALLONIE – DG AGRICULTURE, RESSOURCES NATURELLES & ENVIRONNEMENT – DIRECTION DE LA QUALITE	2
	VLAAMSE OVERHEID, DEPARTEMENT LANDBOUW & VISSERIJ	
BULGARIA	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	2
CZECH REPUBLIC	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
DENMARK	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD	1
GERMANY	BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	2
	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	
ESTONIA	MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS	1
IRELAND	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
GREECE	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SPAIN	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
FRANCE	MINISTÈRE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE L'AGROALIMENTAIRE ET DE LA FORÊT	3
	DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DE LA CONCURRENCE, DE LA CONSOMMATION ET DE LA RÉPRESSION DES FRAUDES	
	INAO	
CROATIA	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
ITALY	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
CYPRUS	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
LATVIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	
LITHUANIA	–	–
LUXEMBOURG	MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DE LA PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS	1
HUNGARY	–	–
MALTA	–	–
NETHERLANDS	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS	2
AUSTRIA	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
POLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
PORTUGAL	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
ROMANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1

Country	Organisation	Participants
SLOVENIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD	2
	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	
SLOVAKIA	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
FINLAND	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SWEDEN	–	–
UNITED KINGDOM	DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS	1
EFTA	–	–
ICELAND	–	–
NORWAY	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	1
SWITZERLAND	–	–