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Report of the 133rd meeting of the Committee on Organic Production of 12 & 13 July 2016

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

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 (changes in Annex III and consolidated Annex IV) (D044799/03). The Commission presented the document in its final form. The Committee gave a favourable opinion on the draft Regulation (27 MS in favour and 1 MS against).

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

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

1. Overview of notifications as per 31/05/2016.
2. Cases for presentation by the notified and notifying Member States, information and discussions
 - INEU-151/2016 DE-IT (durum wheat) and related cases
 - INEU-221/2015 SK-RO (sunflower kernels), 142/2016 RO-SK (rapeseed)
3. Commission's preliminary assessment and discussion
 - INEU 150/2016 FR-ES, 79/2016 NL-IT, 75/2016 FR-ES, 34/2016 FR-UK
 - INEU 241/2015 DE-IT (tomatoes)

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

1. Overview of notifications as per 10/06/2016

2. Overview of replies overdue as per 20/05/2016
3. Overall analyses of notifications on products originating from Turkey
4. Overall analyses of notifications on products originating from China

3. Guidelines on additional official controls on imports from Ukraine and neighbouring countries

Interim evaluation of the application of these guidelines and their possible prolongation.

4. Annual statistics for year 2015 by EUROSTAT

The Commission presented the state of play of annual statistics collected by EUROSTAT for year 2015. The Member States that missed to provide data were reminded to do so without further delay.

5. Electronic certification – state of play of developments in TRACES

a. Certificate of inspection (COI)

The Commission informed about the launch 'in production' of the electronic certification for import of organic products in the EU allowing issuing/endorsing real certificates of inspection in TRACES. It also informed about the workshop held with control bodies and it presented the latest technical developments in TRACES.

b. Documentary evidence

The Commission informed about the kick-off of development of the electronic certification for EU operators, in line with the Action Plan for the future of organic production. It showed a first mock-up electronic certificate in TRACES.

6. Annual reports under MANCPs in OFIS

The Commission informed about the launch 'in production' of the new module in OFIS allowing Member States to report the 'organic data' as per Annex XIIIc of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

7. Reporting and notifications by 1 July 2016

The Commission presented the state of play of notifications due by 1 July 2016. Few remaining Member States were reminded to send due reports by no later than 15 July 2016.

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

The Commission informed about the on-the-spot visit to Mexico that is scheduled from 19 to 23 September 2016. On the other hand, Mexico has requested to visit the EU in October/November 2016.

9. EGTOP news

The Commission gave an overview of the recent meetings held by EGTOP: subgroup of PPP II and Plenary group, as well as some information on the draft PPP report and the new mandate on aquaculture III. It was also announced that a new call for expression of interest will be launched after summer in order to create a new pool of experts.

10. Miscellaneous¹

Finland: Commission services presented their position on pesticide residues (below MRL) found in natural flavours used in organic products.

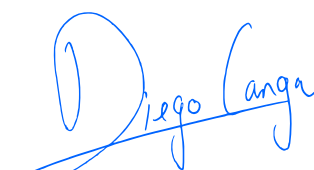
France and Austria: Labelling question on "EU/non-EU Agriculture"

Denmark: Labelling of organic spirit drinks

Netherlands: the Commission services presented their position on import of limes from Brazil from a region not free from citrus canker.

11. AOB: Import of organic salmon from Norway

The Commission informed about the state-of-play of the import of organic salmon from Norway since 1 January 2015 when the possibility to apply national rules expired.



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Annex 1: 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 Committee on Organic Production.

List of participants
Committee on Organic Production of 12 & 13 July 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	2
GERMANY	BUNDESANSTALT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND ERNÄHRUNG – BLE	3
	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ - BMELV	
ESTONIA	MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS	1
IRELAND	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
GREECE	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SPAIN	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	2
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	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
ITALY	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE ALIMENTARE E FORESTALI	2
CYPRUS	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
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	INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING AND FARM ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY	2
POLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2
PORTUGAL	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
ROMANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
SLOVENIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD	1

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SLOVAKIA	CENTRAL CONTROL & TESTING INSTITUTE IN AGRICULTURE	2
FINLAND	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
SWEDEN	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	1
UNITED KINGDOM	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	1
EFTA	–	–
ICELAND	–	–
NORWAY	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	1
SWITZERLAND	FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE	1