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**SUMMARY RECORD**

*Meeting of the Committee on Organic Production*

*18 May 2017*

Chairperson: Lene NAESAGER

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

**Section A – Opinion of the Committee**

N/A

**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 30/04/2016
- 2) Cases for presentation by the notified/notifying Member State and discussion
  - INEU-46/2017, DE-ES input conformity declaration for fertilizer  
Presentation by ES, including results of investigations. Discussions.
- 3) Feedback from the Commission, discussions
  - INEU-10/2017, DE-NO, INEU-8/2017 DE-LV, INEU-268/2016 DE-PL,  
Ethoxyquin-Dimer in salmon  
Evaluation and feedback from Commission based on bilateral exchanges,  
sharing results of investigations and planned measures by NO and UK
  - INEU-22/2017 DE-EL, pesticide residues in olives, INEU-17/2017 AT-  
EL pesticide residues in mini cucumbers  
Evaluation by the Commission

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

- 1) New in OFIS-INTC: link with EU irregularities
- 2) Overview of notifications as per 21/04/2017
- 3) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion:  
180/2016, 177/2016, 161/2016, 157/2016, 127/2016 – NL - rapeseed from  
Russian Federation
- 4) Overview and analysis of irregularities notified in 2016

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

- 1) The new electronic certificate of inspection for imports of organic products

The Commission announced the use of the new model of the certificate of inspection as from 19 April 2017 with a transitional period of 6 months, as foreseen and a short presentation for the envisaged changes of the system have also been presented. The first impressions on TRACES are rather positive, even if technical issues still need to be fixed. Several questions were raised during the meeting by some MS (CZ, DE, NL, PL, SE).

- 2) Overview third countries

### **4. EGTOP**

Commission informed that new panel members are about to be selected and that enough issues have been submitted for a first meeting of the FOOD group end June or later in function of the conclusion of the selection procedure

### **5. Miscellaneous<sup>1</sup>**

- 1) Catalogue of measures and standard procedures in case of irregularities and infringements

Presentation against the backdrop of ECA Special Report No 09/2012 and the main regulatory requirements with the objective to share and discuss catalogues of measures between MS

- 2) Authorization of non-organic food ingredients of agricultural origin by Member State

The results of Commission's review of active authorisations. Results of MS' verifications. Discussions.

- 3) Annual Reports under MANCPs (2015)

State of play as at May 2017.

- 4) Immunocastration technique in organic pig breeding

The Commission confirmed that in its view the technique is not in line with the principles of organic farming

- 5) Animal conversion

The Commission clarified the conversion periods when non-organic animals are introduced

- 6) Origin of non-organic animals

The Commission confirmed that the percentage mentioned in Article 9 (4) apply also to lower numbers of animals than 10.

- 7) Issues not discussed, to be replied by mail:

The use of natural flavourings

Clarifications of the using of terms „eco” and „bio” in Romanian

Organic tomato seeds originating from third countries

Housing conditions poultry rabbits and quails

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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p.o. Francis FAY  
in absence of  
Lene NAESAGER

List of participants– Summary Record  
 Committee on Organic Production  
 Date: 18 May 2017

MEMBER STATE	Ministry Or Organization	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	Vlaamse Overheid	2
BG	Permanent representation	2
CZ	Permanent representation	1
	Ministry of agriculture	1
DK	AgriFish Agency	1
	Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark	1
DE	Landesamt für Natur Umwelt und Verbrauchers	1
	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	Dep. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	1
EL	Permanent representation	1
ES	Dep. of Agriculture and Fishery	1
	Ministerio de Agricultura	2
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	Direction générale de la concurrence, de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes	1
	INAO	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali	2
CY	Permanent representation	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Adm. Des services techniques de l'Agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MT	Ministry for Sustainable Development	1
NL	RVO	1
	Ministerie van Economische Zaken	1
AT	BMGF	1

	BMLFUW	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Inspectorate for Agriculture and Food products	1
PT	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture	1
SK	CENTRAL CONTROL AND TESTING INSTITUTE	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	1
	NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY	1
UK	DEFRA	1
ISL		0
CH	Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft	2
NOR	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
<i>TOTAL</i>		46