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**Short Report
of the 90th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF)
held on 26 April 2010**

President: Ms Benitez Salas, Mr Hulot

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

Section A - Drafts presented for opinion

- 1. Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as regards detailed rules on organic wine (Doc. H.3/2010/157707rev1)**

At the request of Member State representatives, the vote was postponed. A new meeting of the SCOF will be convened.

- 2. Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, as regards the list of third countries from which certain agricultural products obtained by organic production must originate to be marketed within the Community (Doc. H.3/2010/429105 – Japan)**

The Commission Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority: 298 votes in favour, 34 votes against and 13 votes abstaining.

Section B - Points for information and/or discussion:

- 1. List of EU control bodies and control authorities in charge of controls in the organic sector**

The Commission presented a draft list, including new formats of code numbers, compiled on the basis of information updated by Member States in 2010. Any comments should be sent to the Commission by 6 May 2010. The list will be published on the website of the Commission.

- 2. Draft guidelines for controls - follow up**

The Commission presented a draft version 2 and invited the delegates to send further comments by 31 May 2010 at the latest.

- 3. Notification of irregularities**

The Commission gave an update of the status of notifications in 2009-2010 and invited the Member States to update the information and/or to close cases that are solved in the OFIS database.

4. Presentation of the regime of promotion of agricultural products

A presentation was given on the scheme for the promotion of agricultural products on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No 3/2008 of 17 December 2007 on information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries.

5. Miscellaneous

The Commission replied to a number of points raised by the Member States and provided information on different issues related to organic farming.

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(Signed)

List of participants Standing Committee on Organic Farming 26 April 2010

Country	Ministry/Organisation	Number of Participants
BE	Service Public de Wallonie Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap	2
BG	Executive Agency on Wine	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Danish Plant Directorate, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries	2
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz – BMELV Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung - BLE Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz	6
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Permanent Representation	1
ES	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino Subdir. Gen. de Calidad Diferenciada y Agricultura Ecológica	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture DG de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la repression des fraudes INAO	3
IE	Department of Agriculture and Food	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali Ufficio SACOX – Agricoltura biologica	2
CY	Department of Agriculture	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Quality Policy Department - Agri-Environmental and Organic Farming Division Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de la Viticulture et du Développement rural – Administration des Services Techniques de l'Agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
MT	Agricultural Research and Development Center	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Hoofdproductschap Akkerbouw HPA	3
AT	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit – BMG	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Department of Programming and Analysis	1

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PT	Ministerio da Agricultura, do Desenvolvimento Rural e das Pescas DGPA	1
RO	Permanent Representation	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	1
SK	Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Food and Health Department	1
SE	National Food Administration Swedish Board of Agriculture	3
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – DEFRA	2
NO	The Norwegian Food Safety Authority Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture	1
CH	Federal Department of Economic Affairs FDEA - Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG - Quality and Sales Promotion Section	1
IS	The Icelandic Mission to the EU	-
COM	European Commission	8