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**Short report
of the 93th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming held on
on 14 and 15 October 2010**

President: Mr. Jean-Francois Hulot

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

(p.m.) no point

Section B - Points for information and/or discussion

1. Organic regulation

Information was provided by the Commission and an exchange of views took place with the delegations concerning the use of non-organic feed material in the preparation of organic feed as well as concerning the end of the exceptional production rule for monogastric animals (Article 43 of Regulation (EC) N° 889/2008). The Commission presented a questionnaire addressed to the Member States concerning the use of substances mentioned in Article 27(3) of Regulation (EC) N° 889/2008. The deadline for the replies is 29 October 2010. An exchange of views took place concerning the application of Article 16(4) of Regulation (EC) N° 834/2007 and in particular on substances for cleaning water in aquaculture production facilities. An exchange of information on the use of ozone in MS followed. A presentation was made by Poland on production rules for deer followed by a discussion on deer production in several Member States. The Commission provided updated information concerning the activities in the framework of Codex Alimentarius.

2. Expert group for technical advice on organic production (EGTOP)

Information was provided on the state of play for the designation of members and the identification of subjects that will be dealt with in the future.

3. Irregularities and controls

The Commission presented information on the follow-up of irregularities notified in the EU as well as irregularities found in relation to products from Third Countries and invited the delegations to provide comments. An exchange of views took place concerning low level pesticide residues in organic products.

4. Import regime

The Commission provided information on the state of play and the further steps envisaged for the constitution of a list of control bodies for the purpose of equivalence. It also informed the delegations on difference issues concerning equivalence with Third Countries including Canada, the US, Switzerland and Taiwan.

5. Miscellaneous

Information was provided by the Commission on different issues such as the preparation of the Report of the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament in 2011 and the state of play concerning the reports on seed authorisations. A discussion took place on different issues raised by the delegations.

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(*signed*)

List of participants

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Country	Ministry/Organisation	Number of Participants
BE	Service public de Wallonie, DG Agriculture, Ressources naturelles & Environnement, Direction de la Qualité Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap, Afdeling Duurzame Landbouwontwikkeling	2
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and Danish Plant Directorate.	2
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz – BMELV Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung - BLE Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz	3
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food – Directorate of Organic Farming	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, de l'alimentation et de la pêche - Dir. gen. des politiques agricole, agroalimentaire et des territoires – Bureau de la gestion des signes de qualité et de l'agriculture biologique DG de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la répression des fraudes Institut National de l'Origine et de la Qualité 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	Resources and 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	Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, Viticulture/Oenology unit	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Hoofdproductschap Akkerbouw HPA	2

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AT	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (BMG) Institut für Biologische Landwirtschaft und Biodiversität HBLFA Raumberg-Gumpenstein	2
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Department of Agricultural Markets Agriculture and Food Quality Inspection	2
PT	Ministerio da Agricultura, do Desenvolvimento Rural e das Pescas - GPP	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	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	Swedish Board of Agriculture National Food Administration – Food Standards Department	2
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – DEFRA	2
NO	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Department of Food Policy Norwegian Food Safety Authority	2
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	10