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Short Report of the 99th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF) of 7-8 July 2011

President: Mr Hulot

25 Member States were present on the 7th and/or on the 8th of July 2011. Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. (possibly) Draft Commission Implementing Regulation 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**

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation was not presented for the opinion of the Committee.

- 2. (possibly) Draft rules of procedure for the Standing Committee on Organic Farming, as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 ("new Comitology")**

The draft rules of procedure were not presented for the opinion of the Committee.

Section B - Points for information and/or discussion

1. Organic legislation

An exchange of views and discussion took place on the basis of working documents concerning organic wine and animal feed rules.

2. Expert Group on Technical Advice for Organic Farming

The state of play of the requests received by Member States was presented together with the outcome of the works of the sub-groups on feed and fertilisers as well as planned future activities.

3. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation

The updated list of EU control authorities and control bodies was presented. Delegations were invited to provide comments by 15 July 2011 at the latest. An overview of other notifications according to the organic farming legislation was presented.

4. Import regime

An overview of the situation concerning annual reports from Third Countries listed for equivalence as well as pending requests for recognition was presented. Information was also provided on the negotiations with Canada.

5. Codex Alimentarius

The outcome of the meeting of the 39th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Labelling on 9-13 May 2011 was presented together with information on future works.

6. Ecolabel

The state of play of the Ecolabel for food and feed study was presented.

7. Irregularities and controls

An update of notifications concerning EU irregularities as well as irregularities for imported to the EU products was presented.

8. Miscellaneous

The Commission provided information concerning different questions raised by the delegations. Information was also provided concerning the report to the Council and the Parliament foreseen by Article 41 of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

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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
DK	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries – the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Division for Food Quality, Technology and Marketing Practices – 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	Permanent Representation	1 (on 8/07/2011)
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, Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie, INAO	3
IE	Department of Agriculture and Food	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali Ufficio SAQX – Agricoltura biologica, CRA-RPS Research Centre for Plant – Soil System	3
CY	Permanent Representation	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 Rural Development	1
MT	National Agricultural Research & Development Centre	1
NL	Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, HPA	2
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	1
PT	Ministério 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 – Agriculture Markets Division	1

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SK	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Permanent Representation	2
SE	National Food Administration Food Standards Department, Swedish Board of Agriculture	2
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – DEFRA	1
NO	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food - Department of Food Policy , The Norwegian food safety authority	2
CH	Federal Department of Economic Affairs FDEA Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG Quality and Sales Promotion Section	1
COM	European Commission	10