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## **SUMMARY RECORD**

*Meeting of the Committee on Organic Productions*

*5 and 6 June 2018*

Chair: Nathalie SAUZE-VANDEVYVER

Delegations present: All Member States were present

### **A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED**

- 1. 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 (D056740)**

Delegations voted in favour of a revised draft implementing Regulation amending regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 that was submitted to them by the COM. The vote took place on a revised text submitted to MSs on 04/06. All MSs present at the meeting voted in favour (absence of 4 MS). No one abstained.

### **B. POINTS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION**

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 837/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (D055736)**

State of play was explained (CIS nearly finished), latest modifications explained. Some Member States still wanted amendments and insisted on the solution of the caustic soda/bees problem. Commission undertook to see if modifications were still possible.

- 2. Non- organic agricultural ingredients**

A draft template for a dossier to be provided when modification of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 is requested was discussed and approved. MSs can send in dossiers until 10 September 2018.

### **3. Organic reform and detailed planning of implementing and delegated acts for all production rules**

The European Commission presented detailed planning for technical discussions on production rules until the end of the year.

### **4. Organic heterogeneous plant reproductive material**

DG SANTE presented the planning for the preparation of the delegated act on organic heterogeneous plant reproductive material.

### **5. Planning of IA and DA for aquaculture**

DG MARE presented the planning for the preparation of the delegated and implementing acts on aquaculture.

Member States were informed that aquaculture delegated and implementing acts are planned to be discussed on 26 October 2018.

### **6. Letters of interpretation**

Commission informed Member States of the placing on CIRA BC of the following letters of interpretation:

- Ares (2018)2436739 organic grape juice and sulfites
- Ares (2018)2180881 drone larvae and organic beekeeping
- Ares (2018)2301255 asparaginase made from/by GMOs
- Ares (2018)25113396 animal welfare
- Ares (2018)1629809 CO2 inputs and organically produced micro algae
- Ares (2018)2490748 wholesalers and certification

### **7. Implementing and delegated acts on poultry and rabbits production rules**

Clarification of the text of the organic reform in view of preparing the implementing act on production rules on poultry took place. European Commission presented the basis for technical discussions to draft this implementing.

The Commission invited Member States to consult with their stakeholders on the technical points on poultry production rules relevant to the drafting of the implementing act.

### **8. “Baby food”**

This item has been postponed to the next COP meeting

### **9. “Flavourings”**

First exchange of information took place on the flavoured water-based drinks.

### **10. EGTOP**

EGTOP plenary to take place this week (2 reports to be finalised and planning of the next mandates for rest of year) Member States insisted on a rapid solution for carnauba wax –NL submitted a dossier. Commission will discuss the possibilities

with the plenary group. BE submitted a dossier about a microbial pesticide which will also be considered

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

- 1) Overview of INTC notifications as per 17/05/2018: 143 notifications
- 2) Timeliness of replies and evaluations for the period 1/1/2017 to 17/05/2018 as per 17/05/2018
- 3) Cases presented by the notifying Member State and discussion
  - a. 75/2018 – BG – corn and soybeans from Ethiopia
  - b. 13/2018 – IT – sunflower seeds from Moldova
  - c. 80/2018, 81/2018, 82/2018 and 83/2018 – DE – sunflower seed cake from China
  - d. 22/2017 – DE – soycake from China

#### **12. Electronic certificate of inspection**

An exchange of views on the implementation of the electronic certificate took place with the presence of colleagues from the TRACES Team (DG SANTE).

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

- 1) EU-Switzerland Working Group on Organic products: The Commission informed the MS about the Working Group that took place in Brussels on 25 May
- 2) Plurilateral Arrangement: The Commission inform the Committee about the video conference of 5 June and the discussions on fostering cooperation and exchange of information.
- 3) The Commission informed the Committee on the suspension of two CBs listed under annex IV of Regulation 1235/2008.

#### **14. Follow-up on the discussion on catalogue of measures in case of irregularities and infringements**

Exchange of views on further possible harmonisation of measures applied by the Member States regarding irregularities and infringements

#### **15. AOB**

- SE: Beekeeping (Ares(2018)2369797)
- UK: Riboflavin/Vitamin B2 issue (Ares(2018)2908232)
- FI: "Traditional herbal preparations" (Ares(2018)2925033)

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MEMBER STATE	Ministry Or Organisation	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	SPW – DGO3	1
	VI Gewest – Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture	2
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Ministry of Environment and Food	2
DE	BMEL	2
	Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affaires	1
IE	Dep of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	1
EL	P.R.	1
ES	Ministry of Agriculture	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	2
	INAO	1
	Ministère de l'Economie	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	MIPAAF	3
CY	Ministry of Agriculture	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 the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Ministry of Economic Affairs	1
AT	BMASGK	1
	BMNT	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PT	DGADR	1

RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	2
SK	Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
FI	National Food Safety Authority Evira	1
SE	National Food Agency	1
	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
UK	DEFRA	2
NO	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
CH	Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft	1
	<i>TOTAL</i>	