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## **SUMMARY RECORD**

*Meeting of the Committee on Organic Productions*

*30-31 January & 01 February 2019*

Chair: Nicolas VERLET

Delegations present: All Member States were present except CY. Switzerland and NO present as observers.

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

1. n/a

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

#### **1. Statistics**

DG ESTAT presented the situation of the reporting on statistical data by MS.

#### **2. Review of Annex IX non organic agricultural ingredients - Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (D059744)**

The Commission presented the draft implementing regulation amending Annex IX to Regulation 889/2008.

#### **3. Information on the Food fraud network**

The participants were informed of the collaboration between DG AGRI & DG SANTE in the framework of the food fraud network.

#### **4. Letters of interpretation**

COM brought the attention of MS to some of most recent questions and replies uploaded in the specific folder in CIRCA BC (COP/Interpretation letters) concerning flavourings, different strains of micro-organisms used in

Third countries, essential oils, plant extracts, use of UV in enrichment of vitamin D in mushrooms, boar taint vaccination, xylitol and lactase.

## **5. Water based flavoured drinks**

Clarification on the certificate of water based flavoured drinks.

## **6. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down detailed rules for implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council on production rules of organic products**

The Commission presented the draft implementing regulation. Solutions suggested in this draft legal act were explained in detail. The Commission also informed about the comments received before the meeting, including comments from the sector. During the discussion, Member States welcomed the draft legal proposal. Nonetheless, few elements still required some further clarifications.

Member States were requested to provide their comments until **15 February 2019** (Friday) the latest.

## **7. Electronic certificate of inspection: exchange of views**

The future developments of the IT tools, mostly related to the introduction of the digital signature, were discussed.

## **8. Review of Annexes - Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (Dxxxxxx)**

- Annex I
- Annex VIII
- Annex VIIIa

Several written comments by Member States were discussed and incorporated in the document.

## **9. Annex and dossiers for the products for cleaning and disinfection preparation of the next EGTOP group**

The deadline for the Member States was moved to 15 May.

## **10. Questionnaire on Implementing Acts on trade : analysis of replies and listing of Acts to be adopted by 1 January 2021.**

The Commission presented the results of the questionnaire sent to Member States concerning the Implementing Acts to be adopted by 01 January 2021.

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

The Commission informed about the missions to Mexico and the annual meeting of the plurilateral group.

## **12. 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**

The Commission made a preliminary presentation of the amendments of Regulation 1235/2008 that it intends to propose.

## **13. Questionnaire on Implementing Acts on controls and labelling: analysis of replies and listing of Acts to be adopted by 1 January 2021.**

The Commission presented the results from the questionnaire on Implementing Acts related to controls & labelling to be adopted by 01 January 2021.

## **14. Questionnaire on EU certificate: analysis of replies**

The Commission presented a preliminary analysis of the replies of MS regarding the current model of certificate in annex VI of Regulation (EU) 2018/848. The analysis is ongoing.

## **15. OFIS**

- recent developments
- EU alerts of “own irregularities”

## **16. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU**

- **Overview of notifications and developments as per 10 January 2019**
- **Follow up**
  - Phosphonic acid/Fosetyl-Al residues
  - Commission position on antioxidants in manufacturing fishmeal/fishoil to be used in organic production
  - Very late communications
- **Commission’s presentation of its enquiries with individual Member States since the last meeting**
  - 229/2018 NO-SE rapeseed
  - 287/2018 ES-RO (253/2018 BG-ES) sunflower seeds
  - 403/2017 DE-ES oil seed rape
  - 214/2018 DE-PL apples
  - 246/2018 HU-SK (215/2018 DE-HU) wheat
  - 217/2018 SK - HU flax seed
  - 409/2018 CZ-IT carrots

## **17. A.O.B.**

- Lithotamium (BE, IT)  
The Commission informed that there is an on-going legal assessment of the issue.
- Brexit (CZ)

Update on the latest developments.

- Trace element bolus for cattle (grazing animals) containing 'inert iron' (AT)

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List of participants– Summary Record  
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Member State	Ministry Or Organisation	Number of persons
BE	SPW - DGO3	1
	Vlaamse Overheid Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
	Danish Ministry of Food and Agriculture	1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)	1
	LANUV	1
	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE)	1
	Permanent Representation	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	The Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development And Food	1
ES	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	GOVERNMENT OF VALENCIA - ORGANIC PRODUCTION SERVICE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	1
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation	2
	INAO	1
	Ministère de l'Economie	1
	DGCCRF	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
IT	MIPAAFT	3
CY		
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Administration des services techniques de l'agriculture	2
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MT	Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change	1
NL	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Klimate (RVO.nl)	1
AT	BMASGK	1
	AGES	1
	BMNT	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
PT	DGADR	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	MAFF	2
SK	Central control and testing institute in agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
	National Food Agency	1
UK	DEFRA	2
NO	Norwegian Food Safety	1

	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
CH	Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)	1