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SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the Committee on Organic Productions

05 & 06 March 2019

Chair: Nicolas VERLET

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

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 (D060966/01)**

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 01/03. All MSs were present at the meeting and voted in favour. No one abstained.

B. POINTS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

- 1. Follow-up of irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products**

Overview and analyses of irregularities notified in 2018.

- 2. Clarifications MS questions on Plant reproductive material**

COM presented new provisions of Regulation 2018/848 as follow up on several written questions received by Member States, including example of cycles of production of plant reproductive materials in annual and perennial crops. Member States were requested to provide their comments on the available presentation until 15 March 2019 (Friday) the latest.

3. Letters of interpretation

COM informed the Committee on most recent replies to questions uploaded in CIRCA BC concerning conversion period, GMOs, bioplastics, flavouring, seedling organic certification.

4. 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 act in detail. The Commission also informed about the comments received before the meeting, including comments from the sector. During the discussion, Member States provided additional remarks and requests for clarification.

Member States were requested to provide their comments until 15 March 2019 (Friday) the latest so that the Commission can prepare the new version of the text before the next meeting of the COP.

5. Harmonisation of catalogues of measures

The Commission presented first draft of guidelines for the two first columns of the template for the national catalogue of measures: (i) legal reference and (ii) classification of non-compliances.

The Commission will upload the document to CIRCABC and invites the MS to review it and provide feedback

6. Certificate: presentation of the first draft based on MS contributions

The Commission presented the main points raised by the Member States for the certificate and a first draft position on the scope and the elements of the certificate.

The Commission will upload the document to CIRCABC and invites the MS to review it and provide feedback

7. Implementing Acts on control: preliminary discussion

The Commission presented:

(i) the results of the additional questionnaire concerning article 25 b), c) and d) of Official Control Regulation EU 2017/625.

(ii) the four elements of the methodology under article 29 (8) (a) of Regulation EU 848/2018 and the main provisions in organic and horizontal regulation related to them.

(iii) the correlation between current and new regulations (both organic and horizontal) related to article 38 (9) a), b), c) of the regulation EU 2018/848.

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8. AOB

The following AOB points were raised by Member States and addressed by the Commission:

- Use of copper in organic production and implementation of the new horizontal rules
- Vitamin B2 in organic production
- Contamination of tea with atrazine
- Availability of organic pullets for egg production from 1.1.2021

e-signed

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List of participants– Summary Record
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Member State	Ministry Or Organisation	Number of persons
BE	Vlaamse Overheid Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Permanent Representation	2
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Danish Ministry of Food and Agriculture	1 1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL) LANUV BLE	2 1 1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	The Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine	1
EL	Permanent Representation	1
ES	Ministry of Agriculture	1
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation INAO DGCCRF	1 1 1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	MIPAAFT	3
CY	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Administration 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 Economic Affairs and Klimate (RVO.nl)	1
AT	BMASGK AGES BMNT	1 1 1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection	1 1
PT	DGADR	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	MAFF	1
SK	Central control and testing institute in agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Finnish Food Authority	1 1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture National Food Agency	1 1
UK	DEFRA	2
NO	Norwegian Food Safety Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1 1
CH	Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)	1