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## Invitation to the meeting of the STANDING COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC FARMING

**The 109<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming  
will take place on 2 and 3 October 2012 and will start at 10:00 a.m. at  
rue de la Loi 130 – 11<sup>th</sup> floor - room A**

**Simultaneous interpretation:  
FR-DE-EN-IT-ES to FR-DE-EN-IT-ES**

I have the honour to invite the experts from the appropriate departments of the Governments of the Member States to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming which will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 in Brussels at the following address:  
European Commission, DG AGRI building, 11<sup>th</sup> floor - **room A**,  
rue de la Loi 130 - B-1049 Brussels

## **AGENDA**

### **Section A – Opinion of the Committee**

**No point**

### **Section B – Points for information and/or discussion**

#### **1. Implementing rules (Regulation (EC) No 889/2008)**

- a) Working document on proposal for amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards Annex I (fertilizers, soil conditioners) and Annex II (plant protection products) – revised version: exchange of views
- b) (possibly) Working document on proposal for amending Regulations (EC) No 889/2008 and 1235/2008 as regards supervision and controls
- c) (possibly) Working document correcting and modifying Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards Annex III and Annex IV
- d) Exchange of views concerning implementation of the relevant provisions for the publication of lists of operators (Article 92a)

#### **2. Codex Alimentarius – electronic working groups: state of play**

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

- a) Assessment of applications of Control Bodies with the assistance of Member States
- b) Update on draft European Accreditation guidelines for accreditation of organic production certification
- c) State of play on requests for equivalence recognition from third countries.
- d) On-going activities with recognised Third Countries:
  - assessment of 2011 Annual reports
  - EU wine standard
  - India, Japan, US, Canada: state of play
- e) China: follow-up to last June Memorandum of Understanding
- f) Korea: evaluation of Korean regulation
- g) Croatia: information on technical adaptations in view of Croatia's accession to the EU

#### **4. Evaluation of the EU legislation on organic farming**

Information on start of the works by the contractor (vTI, Germany)

#### **5. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation**

Overview of notifications and reporting in 2012

**6. Irregularities and controls**

- a) Update on notification of EU irregularities
- b) Update on notification of irregularities concerning imported products
- c) Latest developments concerning OFIS and the notification of irregularities on imported products

**7. Research**

Joint RTD - IFOAM Conference (Larnaka, 25 September) and follow up

- 8. Paperless customs procedures:** presentation by the French authorities (for the Q&A session: presence of an expert of Single Window, from DG TAXUD

**9. Miscellaneous**

- Derogation on desulfurization of must for red wines (ES);
- Vegetative propagating material (BE);
- Conversion period of livestock already on the holding at the beginning of the conversion period (SE).



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