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**Short report of the 110th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming
of 13 and 14 November 2012**

President: M. J. Onofre

27 Member States were present. Croatia, Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

(p.m.) no point

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

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

Discussion on Annex I (fertilizers, soil conditioners) and Annex II (plant protection products) did not finally take place.

An information point was presented on Annex IX on non organic ingredients.

A discussion took place and a second version of a working document on a proposal for amending Regulations (EC) No 889/2008 as regards supervision and controls was presented.

2. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)

The Commission presented a working document on a proposal for amendment of 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. A discussion and an exchange of views took place.

3. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation

An overview of notifications and reporting in 2012 was presented.

4. Irregularities and controls

An overview of irregularities concerning EU products as well as products imported from Third Countries was provided. The delegations received information on the latest developments concerning OFIS and the notification of irregularities on imported products.

5. Codex Alimentarius – electronic working groups (state of play)

Information was provided on the current activities in relation to organic aquaculture, as well as on ethylene.

6. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)

The delegations were briefed on developments concerning Third Countries: Japan, US, Canada, China and Korea and an exchange of views took place. An assessment of the applications of control bodies and control authorities to be recognised under the regime of equivalence for some Third Countries took place with the assistance of co-reporting Member States. A presentation was given by the deputy administrator of the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) about NOP and on the role of the US National Organic Standard Board, followed by questions and answers about the NOP and about the EU-US organic equivalence arrangement.

7. Miscellaneous

The Delegations were briefed on the state of play on Impact Assessment and the EGTOP.



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