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**Short report of the 113rd meeting of the Standing Committee on
Organic Farming of 28 May 2013**

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

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Draft Commission Regulation 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**

The draft Regulation was presented for the opinion of the Committee.

Vote: positive opinion (316 in favour, 29 abstentions).

- 2. Working document on a proposal for amendment of the rules of procedure of the Standing Committee on organic farming**

The draft rules of procedure of the Standing Committee.

Vote: positive opinion (345 in favour).

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- 3. Review of the organic farming and action plan: state of play and consultation of MS**

The note on the assessment of administrative burdens was explained. A presentation was given to the Delegations and a discussion took place.

- 4. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation**

An overview of notifications and reporting in 2012 was presented.

- 5. Irregularities and controls**

- a) Update on notification of EU irregularities
- b) Update on notification of irregularities concerning imported products
- c) Latest developments concerning OFIS (report on CB annual report module)

An overview of irregularities concerning EU products as well as products imported from Third Countries was provided. Point 5c was not discussed.

6. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008) Overview on third countries

An overview on third countries was provided together with a short presentation of the new module in CIRCABC for the assessment of applications of control bodies available for co-reporting Member States.

7. Codex Alimentarius – follow-up of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

The Commission informed the Delegations about the last meeting of Codex in Canada (May 2013). The draft mandate on organic aquaculture was presented by DG MARE.

8. EGTOP: second food mandate

The draft second food mandate was presented to Delegations for discussion together with an updated table on substances.

9. Miscellaneous¹

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- Follow up to Member States' feedback on model for documentary evidence: presentation of questions aimed at structuring information

The note sent to delegations on the subject above as well as the questionnaire were further explained.


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¹ Any subjects that the Member States wish to discuss under Point 'Miscellaneous' need to be submitted to the Commission and the other Member States at the latest one week before the meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming.