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# Invitation to the meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

The 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Organic Production will take place on 03 February 2015 from 14:30 - 18:30 & on 04 February 2015 from 09:00 - 18:30 at rue de la Loi 130 - 11<sup>th</sup> floor - room B

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 Regulatory Committee on Organic Production which will take place on 03 & 04 February 2015 in Brussels at the following address:

European Commission - DG AGRI building rue de la Loi 130 – B 1049 BRUSSELS 11<sup>th</sup> floor - room B

# **AGENDA**

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

1. N/A

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the recognition of control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of compliance and equivalence in relation to the import of organic products
  - Implementation of EU provisions in third countries
- 2. IRM Organic: Training on improved risk management tools for organic inspectors

#### 3. Electronic certification for imported organic products

- Demonstration and test
- Q&A

# 4. Reporting and notifications under organic production legislation

- a) Reminder of regular reporting and notifications;
- b) New functionality in OFIS to update the list of control bodies/authorities;
- c) New functionality in OFIS to transmit organic data feeding into the Member States' Multiannual National Control Plans (MANCPs) and Annual Reports: discussion of delegates' comments and requests for clarification on the draft specifications.

#### 5. Import of sunflower cakes for feed from Ukraine

Update on notification of irregularity on imported sunflower cakes from Ukraine (OFIS 224, notified by NL), the distribution of this product to DE, DK, FR, ES, NO and United States and discussion of the follow-up measures taken. Presentation by Member States involved and discussion.

# 6. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations

- d) Update on notification of EU irregularities
- e) Update on notification of irregularities concerning imported products
  - (1) Overview of notifications per 13/01/2015
  - (2) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
    - (a) 222 (129/2014) FR sunflower expeller from Ukraine
    - (b) 115 (119/2014) DE vegetable leaves from Egypt
  - (3) Open cases notified between 01/01/2014 and 30/06/2014: further steps for closure

# 7. EGTOP - updated information on current works

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

- a) Overview on third countries
- b) Korea
- c) US
- d) Canada

#### 8. Miscellaneous<sup>1</sup>

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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 Regulatory Committee on Organic Production.