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SHORT REPORT
OF THE 70TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC
FARMING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2007

President: Mr Sousa Uva, Mr Hulot

26 Member States were present (Malta was absent); Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

Section A Drafts presented for a possible opinion

1) Separation of feed lines: draft Commission Regulation (AGRI/2007/63329rev1)

The draft Commission Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority: 342 for; Malta was absent.

Translation remarks pointed out by several Member States will be corrected by the Commission.

2) Food additives and processing aids permitted in organic foodstuffs: draft Commission Regulation amending and correcting Annex VI to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs (Doc AGRI/2007/63506 rev4)

Vote on this point was withdrawn from the agenda.

3) Codification of regulation 1788/2001: Commission Regulation laying down detailed rules for implementing the provisions concerning the certificate of inspection for imports from third countries under Article 11 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs (Draft codified version attached, not numbered).

The Commission presented the codification of Regulation (EEC) No 1788/2001.

The codification of the Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority: 342 for; Malta was absent.

Section B Information and/or discussion

1) New organic logo: state of play

The Commission presented a working document on the new logo for organic products. A debate on the presence of the term "bio" followed.

2) New implementing rules on imports: presentation of a working document

The Commission presented a working document on implementing rules on imports from third countries. Member States were asked to send their comments by 15 December 2007.

3) First impression on the stakeholder consultation on implementing rules for organic production and labelling (non-paper)

Results of the stakeholders consultation were presented to the Member States. A further deadline to send the replies from Member States was fixed at 7 December 2007.

4) Ad-hoc expert group on Annex II, pesticides: information

The Commission informed the Member States about the 1st meeting of the expert group planned for 22-23 January 2008.

5) Article 10a: follow-up of notifications

There were no notifications to discuss under this point.

6) Third countries: updates and overview

The Commission presented an overview of the third countries according to article 11.4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 – Follow up register.

7) Codex:

a) Information on comments sent to item B.5 of CL 2007/16-FL (food additives)

The Commission presented the comments sent.

b) Preparation of comments to CL 2007/34-FL (inclusion of ethylene, to be sent before 15 January 2008)

The Commission asked Member states to send possible comments before 15 December 2007.

8) Miscellaneous

The following issues were raised under miscellaneous: statistics on organic farming; list of delegates for aquaculture; coloured Easter eggs; feed shortages; guidelines for inspection; feed with mineral origin and treatment of wheat seed with Zinc sulphate.

Signed
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List of participants
Standing Committee on Organic Farming – 27 November 2007

Member State	Ministry	Number of participants
BE	Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap	1
	Ministère de la Région Wallonne	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	2
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
	Danish Plant Directorate, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries	1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz - BMELV	1
	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung - BLE	1
	Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz	1
EE	Permanent Representation	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación	2
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	DG de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la répression des fraudes	1
	Institut National de l'Origine et de la Qualité INAO	1
IE	Department of Agriculture and Food	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali – QPAII	2
CY	Department 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 and Rural Development	1
MT	Ministry of Rural Affairs and the Environment	0
NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	1
	Hoofdproductschapakkerbouw HPA	1
AT	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit, Familie und Jugend – BMGFJ	1
	Institut für Biologische Landwirtschaft und Biodiversität	1

PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
	Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection	1
PT	Ministerio da Agricultura, do Desenvolvimento Rural e das Pescas, GPP	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	2
SK	Central Control & Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Health Department	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
	National Food Administration	1
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – DEFRA	1
NO	The Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
CH	Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft BLW	1
COM	European Commission	12