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SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

via videoconference (Webex)

on Tuesday 14 July 2020 from 09:30 until 16:30
and on Wednesday 15 July 2020 from 9h30 until 12h30

Chair: Nicolas VERLET

Delegations present: All Member States were present.
Norway, Switzerland and Iceland were present as observers.
One representative of European Parliament was present.

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

N/A

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION

B.1. State of play on requests for postponement of EU Regulation 2018/848

B.2. Implementing acts on trade

- IA on the certificate of operators in TC and list of recognized CB/CA under compliance - Art 45(4) and 46(1)

COM presented the IA including the provisions regarding the TC operator certificate, the list of controls authorities and control bodies recognized under compliance and the articles related operators located in the EU territory linked to the certificate of inspection.

B.3. Traces

An update on the e-seal registration process for CBs and MS has been presented by COM and discussions on the use of the digital signature in TRACES took place.

Latest technical developments to be implemented in TRACES for COI were presented by COM, followed by discussions on this issue.

B.4. Presentation of notification on production rules

COM presented the state of play in 2019 and 2020 on the notifications on production rules and the requirements for notification under the future Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

B.5. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX concerning the authorisation of products and substances for use in organic production and repealing Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 (PLAN/2020/7799)

COM presented the new Annex I plant protection products, the comments received from MS on Annex II on fertilisers, and the new parts A and C of Annex V of the Act.

B.6. EGTOP information point on the outcome of the June 2020 plenary and provisional agenda for EGTOP meeting in October 2020

COM presented the outcome of the latest work of EGTOP and informed MS of the recent publication on the website of the draft report on Criteria for evaluation of products for cleaning and disinfection.

B.7. Letters of interpretation

COM brought the attention to the content of recent replies uploaded in CIRCA BC concerning: RAS prohibition in shrimp production, label of fertiliser misuse of terms eco/bio, retail exemption, EU logo in school, transition of authorisation for non organic ingredients from Article 29 of Reg. 889/08 to Article 25 of Reg. 2018/848. COM recalled also the deadline for comments of 31 July 2020 for the draft notes on juveniles derogation and withdrawal period for veterinary treatments in livestock, notes circulated in the COP meeting of June.

B.8. Request for information on the current national rules on organic pet food in the MS

Following comments/questions from MS and also from the sector on pet food, COM intends to further analyse the implications of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on pet food. In order to do so, COM would need information on the current national rules on organic pet food in the MS. Overview of the OFIS INTC – EU notifications

An overview on EU notifications for 2019-2020 and INTC notifications for 2019 was presented.

B.9. Overview of the OFIS INTC – EU notifications

B.10. International issues

COM and MS exchanged on the recent adoption of livestock production standards by Japan and the adoption of aquaculture production standards by Canada. Moreover, COM informed about COVID 19 measures adopted by the Republic of Korea. Finally, COM and Switzerland informed about ongoing exchanges in the context of the equivalency recognition.

B.11. Import statistics

B.12. AOB

- FR had sent a request for an interpretation of the rule of non-concomitance between organic and non-organic ingredients in Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

- IT asked COM to clarify whether with the entry into application of Reg. (EU) 2018/848 the marketing and use of products previously covered by Article 16(4) such as beeswax is still allowed in organic farms.

- Traceability exercise – final conclusions:

Following a recommendation from the Court of Auditors in the report 4-2019, COM chose five ad hoc organic products produced in five EU MS to trace back their traceability – from field to the moment the product is placed on the market. COM presented the second part and final conclusions for this exercise.



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in absence of
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List of participants– Summary Record

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MEMBER STATE	MINISTRY OR ORGANISATION	NAME
BELGIUM	Service Public de Wallonie – ARNE	1
	VO, Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BULGARIA	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	2
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DENMARK	Ministry of Environment and Food	2
GERMANY	Bundesministerium Für Ernährung Und Landwirtschaft	2
	Landesamt Fur Natur, Umwelt Und Verbraucherschutz	1
ESTONIA	Ministry of Rural Affairs	2
IRELAND	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine	2
GREECE	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
SPAIN	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN	3
FRANCE	DGCCRF Ministère de l'économie et des finances	2
	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Agroalimentaire et de la Forêt	1
	Institut national de l'origine et de la qualité (INAO)	1
CROATIA	Ministry of Agriculture	2
ITALY	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali	4
CYPRUS	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment	2
LATVIA	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LUXEMBOURG	Administration des Services Techniques de l'Agriculture (ASTA)	2
HUNGARY	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MALTA	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights	2
NETHERLANDS	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	1
	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	2

AUSTRIA	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety	1
	Institute of Organic Farming and Farm Animal Biodiversity	1
POLAND	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PORTUGAL	Directorate-General of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
ROMANIA	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Administration For Food Safety	2
SLOVAKIA	Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
FINLAND	Finnish Food Authority	1
SWEDEN	Swedish Food Agency	1
	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
ICELAND	Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority	1
NORWAY	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
SWITZERLAND	Federal office for Agriculture	1
EP	European Parliament	1