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SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

26-27 September 2018

Chair: Nathalie SAUZE-VANDEVYVER, Elena PANICHI

Delegations present: All Member States and the delegation of NO and IS were present.

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 837/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (D055736)**

Vote: Favourable opinion (in favour: 27 MS; abstained: 1 MS).

Discussion: Feedback mechanism, TBT notification and adoption procedure explained. Some MS made comments that will be taken into account; one MS asked for a clarification.

B. POINTS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

1. EGTOP

Fertiliser and Food report published. New mandates for Food/Feed/wine group and Plant protection products group reviewed and endorsed.

If existing substances are reviewed (plant protection products, cleaning and disinfectants), Member States will be asked to submit supporting dossiers by November.

- 2. New draft document to discuss possible modifications of Annex I, VIII and VIIIa to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008**

Document discussed.

Annex IX will be added to the document. Written comments requested by 20 October.

3. Flavouring

This item has been cancelled and will be reported to another COP.

4. Technical discussions on poultry, rabbits and quails production rules

COM presented the outcome of the technical discussions on poultry.

COM presented the outcome of the technical discussions of the expert sub groups on rabbits and quails.

MS were invited to send their written comments before 31 October 2018.

5. Other livestock production rules: pigs, cervine, bovine, equine, ovine

COM presented the main technical points on production rules for pigs.

COM presented the outcome of the technical discussions of the expert sub groups on cervine animals.

MS were invited to send their written comments before 31 October 2018.

No presentations and no discussions took place on bovine, equine or ovine animals.

6. Overview of the dossiers for the revision of Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 – Non organic agricultural ingredients

The EC informed that member states provided requests for 14 non-organic agricultural ingredients to be listed in the new Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008. Member states may send until 12 October 2018 their comments, including assessment of the dossiers on availability of requested ingredients in their organic form.

7. Data Collection

This point was addressed under point 4 and 5 of the agenda. COM proposed to work on the information to be provided by Member States to the COM regarding databases and systems.

8. Letters of interpretation

The Commission brought the attention of MS to recent questions and replies concerning baby foods, steviol glycosides, use of CO₂ in algae production, veterinary treatments in aquaculture.

9. Electronic certificate of inspection

The future developments of the IT tools were discussed.

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

The Commission informed the Committee of the next amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.

11. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products

- 1) Overview of notifications as per 27/08/2018: 243 notifications
- 2) State of play on irregularities on products from China
- 3) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
 - a) 13/2018 – IT – sunflower seeds from Moldova
 - b) 239/2018 – DE – black tea from China
 - c) 175/2018 – NL – marjoram from Egypt
 - d) 232/2018 – ES – soybeans from China

12. Guidelines on additional official controls on import from Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation

Outlook on 2019 Guidelines.

13. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU

- 1) Overview of notifications and developments as per 31/08/2018
- 2) Cases for presentation by the notified Member State
 - a) INEU-210/2018 DE-NL, eggs
 - b) INEU-186/2018 DE-NL, eggs
- 3) Irregularities involving phosphonic acid and Fosetyl-Al residues

COM presentation and request for information from MS

14. Better Training for Safer Food (organic production and controls)

COM informed that the next two-year phase starts soon: sessions 1 and 2 are going to take place between 04 & 07 December 2018 (Belgium) and 22 & 25 January 2019 (Italy).

15. National catalogue of measures-Follow-up on the harmonisation exercise

The Commission presented a summary of the discussions on the first five items of the harmonisation exercise.

The Commission will send a letter to COP delegates with the new list of irregularities and the new template

16. Annual Reports- Template for Annex XIIIb of reg. 889/2008

The Commission presented the main problems regarding the timeliness and quality of content of annual reports.

The Commission also presented a new template for annex XIIIb of reg. 889/2008 in order to help Member States to provide the organic data of annual reports in a structured way.

The Commission will send to COP delegates a letter with the proposal.

17. AOB

1) BE: Silage additives (Ares(2018)4304141). Commission confirmed the necessity of the silage additives. The substances were accidentally deleted in 2012. Commission will see if how to solve this in next amendment.

2) NL: Co-formulants in cleaning and disinfecting agents (Annex VII, R889)

Commission informed that only for a few co-formulants of biocides there will be an evaluation. Commission has doubts if such an evaluation is possible for Annex VII

3) IT: Vitamin B2 and poultry feed

COM is aware of the situation. Both short and long term solutions need to be found by the sector.

e-signed

Nathalie SAUZE-VANDEVYVER

List of participants– Summary Record
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MEMBER STATE	Ministry Or Organisation	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	SPW - DGO3	1
	Vlaamse Overheid Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Ministry of Food and Agriculture	1
	Ministry of Environment and Food, The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
DE	Vertretung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen bei der EU	1
	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung	1
	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine	1
EL	Permanente Representation	1
ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y PESCA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE	2
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation	1
	Ministère de l'Economie	1
	INAO	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
IT	MIPAAFT	2
CY	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment	1
LV	Permanent Representation	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Administration des services techniques de l'agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MT	Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	1
	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (RVO.nl)	1
AT	Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection	1
	BMNT	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PT	DGADR	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	MAFF	1
SK	Central control and testing institute in agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
	National Food Safety Authority EVIRA	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
UK	DEFRA	1
NO	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
	Norwegian Food Safety	1
IS	MFA	1
<i>TOTAL</i>		43

