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SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the Committee on Organic Production

12-13 September 2019

Chair: Nicolas VERLET

Delegations present: All Member States except Cyprus.
Norway and Switzerland present as observers.

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

N/A

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Implementing act on control – Article 29(8)(a) methodology for sampling and

The Commission presented the proposal for the future provisions on the methodology to be applied by competent authorities, or, where appropriate, by control authorities or control bodies, for the detection and evaluation of the presence of products and substances not authorised in organic production.

The Commission presented also the proposal on elements that operator should take into account in order to establish whether the suspicion can be substantiated and the proposal on the relevant documents to be submitted by the operator when informing the competent authority about a substantiated suspicion.

Discussion will continue at the next meetings.

2. Implementing act on control – Article 29(8)(b) reporting results of investigation and measures to avoid unauthorised substances

Point discussed together with point B1 of the agenda.

3. Annual reports (MANCP)

The Commission presented the state of play of the annual reports under the Multi Annual Control Plan (MANCP) regarding the submission of the reports for 2018 and COM assessment results of the reports for 2017. As an outcome of overall conclusion, for future improvement COM recommended a more timely submission and the quality of content detail of the reports.

4. Implementing act on production rules – state of play

COM presented the state of play on the implementing act on production rules. COM presented the outcome on several controversial technical points following comments received from the 28 MS on these specific points. COM informed MS of the planning of the procedure (Inter Service Consultation, Feed-back mechanism, Translations and Vote).

5. Interpretation letters and follow-up on plant productive material

COM followed up on the discussion occurred in July related to provisions of Annex II concerning organic plant reproductive material and the related period of conversion to be applied. COM brought the attention to content of recent replies uploaded in CIRCA BC concerning: fertilisers regulation, transition for labelled stocks, EU organic logo, exceptional rules on GMOs, hemp in the scope, indications EU/non EU origin.

6. Implementing act on control – Article 36 (4)(a)(b)(c) Group of operators

The Commission presented the proposal on detailed rules on group of operators concerning:

- the composition and dimension of a group of operators;
- the documents and record-keeping system, the system for internal traceability and the list of operators; and
- the exchange of information between a group of operators and the competent authority or authorities, control authorities or control bodies, and between Member States and the Commission.

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7. Implementing act on control – Article 41(5) catalogue of measures

The Commission presented the proposal on uniform arrangements for the cases where competent authorities are to take measures in relation to suspected or established non-compliance.

Discussion will continue at the next meetings.

8. Review of the annex on cleaning and disinfectant (Annex VII) – state of play and information on the Biocidal product Regulation (EU) No 528/2012

Information on the biocidal product Regulation was given by DG SANTE, a table with the division of labour and the deadlines were repeated.

On the draft legal act changing the annexes the latest modifications were presented

9. International issues

The Commission informed about passed meetings and exchange of information with third countries recognised as equivalent and about ongoing supervision activities concerning the Control Bodies recognised under annex IV of Regulation 1235/2008.

10. Information on the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 on the market of fertilising products

DG Grow gave a presentation of the new act on fertilising products. The implications for annex I and the future IA on fertilisers were discussed.

11. Irregularities EU and INTC

The Committee exchanged information on some irregularities notified through OFIS system.

12. TRACE

The Commission informed the Member States about the state of play of the enrolment of organic CAs/CBs authorities in TRACES in the view of the use of the digital signature.

A session of questions and answers related to TRACES and COI issues took place.

13. AOB

Two issues concerning fertilisers were discussed: wood ash and household waste for biogas production.

In addition, a discussion took place regarding the lack of definition of “protein feed”, the issues of yeasts and growing milk.

MS were asked if they had concerns about the use of microwave in organic production of essential oils.

(e-signed)

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List of participants– Summary Record
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MEMBER STATE	MINISTRY OR ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
	SPW - DG Agriculture, Natural resources and Environment	1
BG	Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Ministry of Environment and Food - The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
	Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark - The Danish Agricultural Agency	1
DE	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung	1
	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)	2
	Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz (LANUV)	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	DAFM	2
EL	Permanent Representation	1
ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN	2
FR	DGCCRF	1
	INAO	2
	DGPE	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
IT	MIPAAFT	2
CY	-----	-----
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Permanent Representation of Latvia	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania	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 control	1
AT	AGES	1
	BMNT	1
PL	Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection	1
	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PT	DGADR	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	Administration for Food safety, Veterinary sector and Plant protection	1
	MAFF	1
SK	Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture	1

FI	Finnish Food Authority, Ruokavirasto	1
SE	National Food Agency	1
	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
UK	DEFRA	2
CH	Federal Office for Agriculture	2
EFTA	-----	-----
IS	-----	-----
NO	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
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