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INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

I am pleased to invite the representatives of the Member States, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland to participate in the meeting of the Committee on Organic Production that will take place

in Brussels, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 130
Meeting Room: 11 B

on Friday 29 September 2017, from 09:30 to 18:00

Interpretation will be available from **FR - DE - EN - IT - ES - PL**
to **FR - DE - EN - IT - ES - PL**

(please note that interpretation of a language will be cancelled if no participants for that language have registered in time for the meeting)

Registration: Please note that registration is obligatory. Participants are kindly invited to register via the on-line registration form on the link below. It is mandatory to encode the date of birth and passport or ID card number of every visitor. After registration, your name will be added to the security list which is sent to COM Security services 48 h in advance of the meeting. Then you will receive an email containing a security "e-pass" which **must be shown** at the entrance of the building, along with the meeting invitation.

Registration link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/COP20170929>

Deadline for registration: 25 Sep 2017

Security control: Please note that you will be asked to pass through an obligatory control (x-ray machines and walk-through detectors) when entering the L130 building.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that Member States are requested to limit their delegation to two representatives for this meeting and that the **travel costs** for only one representative per Member State will be reimbursed by the Commission. (See reimbursement details in Annex.)

You will shortly receive an email with detailed practical information concerning the reimbursement procedure.

We kindly ask you to **prepare your reimbursement files** duly filled in as incomplete files will not be accepted by the meetings coordinators.

Please note that the documents will only be available on CircaBC and will not be sent by email.



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Annex1: Draft agenda

Annex 2: Representation form

Annex 3: Reimbursement information

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AGENDA

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

Commission implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- 1. Commission implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (updates of Annex III and IV)**
- 2. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU**
 - 1) Overview of notifications as per 08/09/2017
 - 2) Cases for presentation by the notified/notifying Member States and discussion
 - INEU 381/2016 AT-HR & INEU-18/2017 IT-SI, 163/2017 SI-HR – rapeseed and corn from Croatia, certification
 - INEU 286/2017 NL-NO & INEU-280/2017 DE-NL – *salmon from Norway*

- 3) EU irregularities Annual Report (2016) – discussions based on comments by Member States

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

- 1) Overview of notifications as per 31/08/2017
- 2) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
 - a. 196/2017 and 292/2017 – NL – goji berries from China
 - b. 164/2017 – DE – tulsi tea from India
 - c. 245/2017 – UK – tea from Sri Lanka

4. Guidelines on additional official controls on imports from Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation

Progress on the interim evaluation of the application of these guidelines.
Report on the study tour in the Kherson region, Ukraine, on 19-20/09/2017 and the international conference in Odesa on 21-22/09/2017 on "Improving integrity on organic supply chains".

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

- 1) Implementation of the electronic certificate of inspection for imports of organic products: exchange of views
- 2) Plurilateral equivalence arrangement
- 3) OFIS developments as regards control bodies recognised for the purpose of equivalence
- 4) Overview of third countries: Japan, Korea, India

6. EGTOP

- 1) Nomination of permanent members and pool members
- 2) Timeline for meetings

7. Miscellaneous¹

- Catalogues of measures in case of irregularities/infringements
- Outstanding questions from previous meetings
- UK: Derogation extensions (Ares(2017)4466798)

Please send us your AOB questions in due time before the meeting (e-mail: AGRI-B4@ec.europa.eu).

¹ 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 Committee on Organic Production.