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SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION
Meeting via videoconference (Webex)
on Thursday 28 January 2021 from 09h15 until 18h00 and
on Friday 29 January 2021 from 09h15 until 18h00

Chair: Elena PANICHI

Delegations present: All MS delegations were present
Iceland, Switzerland and Norway were present as observers

A. WRITTEN PROCEDURES (VOTES)

A.1. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council on controls and other measures ensuring traceability and compliance in organic production and the labelling of organic products - launched from 14/01/2021 to 28/01/2021

Positive vote: 25 Member States voted in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained.

A.2. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control - launched from 15.01.2021 to 22.01.2021

Positive vote: 27 Member States voted in favour, 0 against, 0 abstained.

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION

B.1. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...of XXX authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists and the model for a complementary certificate on specific characteristics of the production method used (Article 24) (PLAN/2020/7799; D067068/05)

The COM presented the last modifications introduced in the act and the annexes.

B.2. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU).../...of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (PLAN/2020/8924; D069033/04)

COM presented to the MS the modification introduced following a remark from MS during the written procedure.

B.3. Production rules – discussions on working documents

The COM presented and discussed with MS several working documents on different techniques and substances.

B.4. Letters of interpretation and other issues

The COM brought the attention to the content of recent replies uploaded in CIRCA BC concerning a set of products and techniques. MS have been asked in particular to provide their written views on certain products.

B.5. EGTOP

COM informed on the future developments for EGTOP in terms of dossiers that will have to be analysed. Moreover Com informed MS on the planning of the future meetings. The plenary will finalise the reports of the subgroups.

B.6. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) amending section 9 of the part II of the annex of Regulation (EU) 2019/723 regarding the organic data in the Annual Reports to be submitted by each Member State in accordance with Article 113(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (PLAN/2020/8329; D071233/01)

The COM presented comments received to the template after the last COP.

B.7. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1667 of 10 November 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/977 as regards the period of application of the temporary measures in relation to controls on the production of organic products

The COM discussed with MSs a necessity to prolong the temporary measures due to the COVID pandemic until 1 July 2021.

B.8. Accreditation of control bodies with the application of the new Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848

The COM discussed with MSs accreditation requirements for control bodies in view of the application of the new organic legislation.

B.9. Irregularities

The COM's debrief on action requested on different irregularities, provisional results of the assessment of information available. Feedback from MS on the follow-up given to the cases, followed by discussions.

The COM made a short presentation on examples of the main problematic topics related to OFIS & TRACES.

B.10. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX laying down certain rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the certificate for operators and groups of operators located in third countries and establishing the list of control authorities and control bodies recognised under Article 46(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 (PLAN/2021/10211; D070929/01)

The COM presented a new version of the provisions and the model of the third country operator certificate, taking into account the comments received and highlighting the differences in comparison with the EU operator certificate.

B.11. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the date for receiving requests for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of equivalence under the arrangements for imports of organic products based on Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (PLAN/2020/9896; D071066/01)

COM explained the MS the state of play of the procedure for the adoption of this act.

B.12. International point

COM updated the MS on relevant aspects of the supervision of control authorities and control bodies recognised under article 33 of Regulation 834/2007.

COM informed MSs about the exchange of information on the issues at stake with Japan, Republic of Korea, India, Mexico and Chile.

COM informed about the guidelines on additional official controls for certain third countries for 2021, which are partially suspended for the control bodies in the third countries until 1 March due to COVID-19.

B.13. Organic Action Plan

MSs were consulted on the structure and content of the future Organic Action Plan. The COM presented a state of play in this regard. MSs presented their comments and additional ideas.

B.14. TRACES

The COM presented the new developments done in TRACES .

B.15. AoBs

Following the request of the MS, COM clarified the position on different products and substances.



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List of participants– Minutes
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MEMBER STATE	MINISTRY OR ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	2
	SPW ARNE	
BG	Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry	2
	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Ministry of Environment and Food	2
	Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark - Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	7
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	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	
	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung, Bonn	
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	Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz (LANUV)	
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	2
	Agriculture and Food Board	
IE	DAFM	3
	DAFM	
	DAFM	

EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	2
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ES	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN	3
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FR	INAO - Pôle Bio	6
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	Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation / DGPE	
	Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation / DGPE	
	DGCCRF - Ministère des Finances	
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Ministry of Agriculture	
IT	MIPAAF	2
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CY	Department of Cyprus, Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development and Environment	2
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LV	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Ministry of Agriculture	
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	ASTA	2
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HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1

MT	Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	2
	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate control	
AT	AGES	2
	BMLRT	
PL	Main Inspectorate of Agriculture and Food Quality	3
	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	
	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	
PT	DGADR - Direção Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural	2
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RO	MADR	3
	MADR	
	MADR	
SI	Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection	2
	MAFF	
SK	Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	5
	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	
	Finnish Food Authority	
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	Finnish Food Authority	
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	3
	Swedish Board of Agriculture	

	Swedish Food Agency	
IS	The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority	1
NO	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	2
	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	
CH	Federal Office for Agriculture	2
	Federal Office for Agriculture	