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SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the Committee on Organic Production

20 and 21 Jan 2020

Chair: Nicolas Verlet

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

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

A.1. **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) laying down certain rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the documents needed for the retroactive recognition of periods for the purpose of conversion, the production of organic products and information to be provided by the Member States - D060993**

Commission presented the outcome of the feed-back mechanism and the latest changes made in the draft Implementing Act laying down certain rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the documents needed for the retroactive recognition of periods for the purpose of conversion, the production of organic products and information to be provided by the Member States.

Commission informed Member States delegates that the translations of the Act should be available early February 2020 and signalled its intention to proceed for a vote on this Act at the next Committee on 2, 3 or 4 March 2020.

Member States delegates made comments on this latest version of the Implementing Act and stressed the importance to have the translations available before the vote.

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION

B.1. Implementing acts on trade

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Act setting the procedure for recognition and withdrawal of Control Bodies according to Art. 46(1) of regulation Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

B.2. OFIS INEU & INTC

(1) Follow up to irregularities in the EU - OFIS INEU

Updates

- INEU 33/2018 BG-IT, sunflower seeds, soybeans, corn, wheat, 252/2018 IT-SI soft wheat, 290/2018 SI-BG several products, 40/2019 SI-AT soft wheat and soybean, 41/2019 SI-DE soft wheat, 147/2019 SI-DE, soft wheat in relation to operations in BG
- INEU 287/2018 ES-RO (253/2018 BG-ES) sunflower seeds, in relation to operations in BG
- INEU 291/2017 DE-AT, apple juice from Turkey, in relation to operations in NL
- INEU 217/2019, BE-NL, malted grain
- INEU 311/2019, NL-FI, avocados from Tanzania

New enquiries

- INEU-394/2018, AT-CZ, processed product, sour cherries from Turkey
- INEU-241/2019, DE- RO, honey
- INEU-337/2019, 293/2019, 292/2019, 290/2019, 147/2019, 130/2019, 118/2019, INEU 90/2019, INEU-89/2019, INEU-88/2019, 86/2019, 85/2019, 41/2019, and 40/2019 & earlier cases, in relation to operations in SI
- INEU-122/2019, BE-ES, clementines
- INEU-367/2019 FR-BE & 418/2019 BE-HU, pop corn

(2) OFIS INTC

- update on the work done by the Commission related to traceability exercises and the screening of OFIS notifications.

B.3. CoI – TRACES

The Commission presented an overview of the situation related to the enrolment of entities supposed to use the e-Seal for COI documents issued in

TRACES. The experience of colleagues from DG SANTE on the enrolment of entities for other certificates hosted by TRACES has been presented to the delegates.

An exchange of views took place in relation to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/25 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 clarifying the obligation to issue the COI before the consignment leaves the third country.

B.4. Other international issues

The Commission communicated about the meetings with other third countries that took place recently and the information provided by South Korea regarding its new model import certificate.

B.5. Implementing act on controls

Commission Implementing Regulation on control rules relative to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 - PLAN/2018/3297

Article 28(3)(a), Article 29(8)(a), Article 34(9), Article 35(10), Article 36(4)(a)(b)(c), Article 38(9), Article 39(2), Article 41(5), Article 43(7)

COM presented comments received to the draft Implementing Act on controls.

B.6. Implementing act on the authorisation of non-organic ingredients

The draft Implementing act concerning the authorisation of non-organic agricultural ingredients to be used for the production of processed organic food was presented; these authorisations cover the authorisations foreseen in Article 24(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) 848/2018. The draft Implementing act provides also that the annex IX to Regulation (EC) 889/2008 will continue to apply up to 31 December 2022. The provisions of this draft Implementing act will be part of an Implementing act concerning authorisations of other products and substances referred to in Article 24 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

B.7. EGTOP

- Future Group meetings and mandates
- The meeting was updated on the planning of the work on Cleaning and Disinfection.

B.8. Letters of interpretation on production rules

The Commission brought the attention to the content of recent replies uploaded in CIRCA BC concerning: use of conventional straw, food additive in organic production, clove oil on limes from Brasil and its follow-up letter where a comprehensive explanation is included on provisions under horizontal rules related to pest quarantine measures in import, prohibition of ionising radiation and need for assessment on technique of low energy electron beams, use of logo on publications.

B.9. AOB

The future provisions of the secondary legislation on labelling were presented. It was confirmed that there is no empowerment to the Commission to authorise a statement referring to organic production in the label of feed that are not covered by Article 30(6) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848. Currently certain feed authorised in organic production and containing non-organic feed material may be labelled with the following statement “may be used in organic production” in accordance with Article 60(2) of Regulation (EC) 889/2008. Commission services asked information to the MSs in order to evaluate the impact of this future new situation.



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Member State	Ministry Or Organisation	Number of persons
BE	DG Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environment	1
	Vlaamse Overheid Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
	Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark – The Danish Agricultural Agency	1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	2
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	The Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine	2
EL	Permanent Representation	1
ES	Ministerio de agricultura, pesca y alimentación	2
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation	1
	INAO	2
	Ministère des Finances	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	2
IT	MIPAAF	2
CY	-----	
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	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 control	1
AT	AGES	1
	BMNT	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection	1
PT	DGADR	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
SI	MAFF	1
SK	Central control and testing institute in agriculture	1
	Permanent Representation	1
FI	Finnish Food Authority	1
	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
	Swedish Food Agency	1
UK	DEFRA	2
NO	Norwegian Food Safety	1
	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
CH	Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft	1