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SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION ***Meeting via videoconference (Interactio)*** ***on 28 and 29 September 2021***

Chair: Elena Panichi

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

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION

B.1. COM PRESENTATION ON STATE OF PLAY IMPLEMENTING ACTS RELATED TO PRODUCTION RULES

COM presented in a table the state of play of the implementing acts. The table listing all of the implementing acts, either published or in preparation, was made available on CIRCA BC.

B.2. DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGANIC RULES (LETTERS, WORKING DOCUMENTS, INTERPRETATIVE NOTES, FAQs...)

COM presented the list of the most recent replies given to questions relating to the implementation of the organic rules.

B.3. EGTOP

COM informed the delegates that the call for experts for the new EGTOP was closed and that COM will now proceed with the selection of experts.

COM informed the delegates of the publication of two EGTOP reports

COM presented the summary of the dossiers submitted so far by MS.

B.4. WORKING GROUP ON NON-COMPLIANCES

COM presented the agenda of the meeting of 6 October 2021.

B.5. ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF OPERATORS – TRACES

COM presented and discussed the comments sent by the delegates and informed on the next steps for the development of the database.

B.6. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...of XXX laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on certain records and declarations required from operators of organic products and the technical means for the issuance of certificate (PLAN/2021/11099, D074518)

COM presented and discussed the comments sent by the delegates.

B.7. 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 (PLAN/2020/8329, D071233)

COM presented the results of the final consultation of MS and informed the COP delegates that the written vote will be launched immediately after the COP meeting.

B.8. NOTICE ON A GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON HOW TO FILL IN SECTION 9 OF THE STANDARD MODEL FORM IN THE ANNEX TO COMMISSION LINKED TO ANNUAL REPORTING ON CONTROLS AND LABELLING (PLAN/2021/12072)

COM informed the COP delegates about the current state-of-play of the new initiative to adopt a notice on a guidance document and presented the comments on the guidance document after the first consultation of MS.

B.9. INDICATIONS ON HOW TO FILL IN THE MODEL OF CERTIFICATE FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION (EU AND TC)

COM presented the modified version of the indications and discussed the comments sent by the delegates.

B.10. INTERNATIONAL POINTS

Information was presented by COM with regard to a series of third countries on organics.

B.11. E-SEAL – STATE OF PLAY OF THE ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR EU MEMBER STATES, AND FOR ANNEX III AND ANNEX IV UNDER R. 1235/2008.

COM informed the delegates of the state of play.

B.12. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT TO REGULATION (EU) 2018/848 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL, THE LIST OF THIRD COUNTRIES AND THE LIST OF CONTROL AUTHORITIES AND CONTROL BODIES THAT HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED UNDER ARTICLE 33(2) AND (3) OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 834/2007 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPORTING ORGANIC PRODUCTS INTO THE UNION (PLAN/2020/6712).

An overview of the Act was presented to the delegations including the outcome of the feedback mechanism and the timeline of the text.

B.13. FOLLOW-UP CONTROL BODIES ANNEX IV TO REGULATION (EC) NO 1235/2008.

The state of play concerning control bodies was presented.

B.14. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... LAYING DOWN RULES ON DOCUMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR ORGANIC AND IN-CONVERSION PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR IMPORT INTO THE UNION (PLAN/2021/10567).

The Commission presented the Act.

B.15. IMPORTS OF SESAME SEEDS FROM INDIA. FOLLOW-UP ON LETTERS; FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IN RELATION TO ANNEX IV OF R. 1235/2008.

COM provided the Member States with an update of the situation concerning Annex III and Annex IV.

B.16. ANNUAL MEETING ACCREDITATION BODIES / CONTROL BODIES – INFORMATION

COM informed on the forthcoming meeting and requested comments from the delegations.

B.17. GUIDELINES ON ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL CONTROLS ON PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

COM presented to, and discussed with, the Member States the proposed approach for the next round of guidelines.

B.18. DRAFT COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... OF XXX AMENDING AND CORRECTING 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 (PLAN/2020/6783 – D074470)

COM presented the state of play, followed by an exchange with delegations.

B.19. AOBs

Several AOBs points requested by Member States were discussed.



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List of participants– Summary Record

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MEMBER STATE	MINISTRY or ORGANISATION	N° of Participants
BELGIQUE/BELGIË (Belgium)	Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BELGIQUE/BELGIË (Belgium)	SPW ARNE	1
БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria)	Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry	2
ČESKO (Czechia)	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DANMARK (Denmark)	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries - Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	3
DEUTSCHLAND (Germany)	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	3
DEUTSCHLAND (Germany)	Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz (LANUV)	1
EESTI (Estonia)	Agriculture and Food Board	1
EESTI (Estonia)	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
ÉIRE/IRELAND (Ireland)	DAFM	2
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ (Greece)	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	2
ESPAÑA (Spain)	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN	4
FRANCE (France)	DGCCRF	1
FRANCE (France)	INAO - Service Contrôles	2
FRANCE (France)	Ministère Agriculture et Alimentation (DGPE)	1
HRVATSKA (Croatia)	Ministry of Agriculture	2
ITALIA (Italy)	MIPAAF	2
ΚΥΠΡΟΣ (Cyprus)	Department of Agriculture	1
LATVIJA (Latvia)	Ministry of Agriculture	2

LIETUVA (Lithuania)	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LUXEMBOURG (Luxembourg)	Administration des services techniques de l'agriculture	2
MAGYARORSZÁG (Hungary)	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MALTA (Malta)	Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and Animal Rights	1
NEDERLAND (Netherlands)	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	1
NEDERLAND (Netherlands)	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate control	1
ÖSTERREICH (Austria)	AGES	1
ÖSTERREICH (Austria)	BMLRT	1
POLSKA (Poland)	Main Inspectorate of Agriculture and Food Quality	1
POLSKA (Poland)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
PORTUGAL (Portugal)	DGADR - Direção Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural	2
ROMÂNIA (Romania)	MADR	2
SLOVENIJA (Slovenia)	Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection	1
SLOVENIJA (Slovenia)	MAFF	2
SLOVENSKO (Slovakia)	Department of Fruit and Organic Production Central Control & Testing Institute in Agriculture	1
SLOVENSKO (Slovakia)	The Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture - Ústredný kontrolný a skúšobný ústav poľnohospodársky v Bratislave (ÚKSÚP)	1
SUOMI/FINLAND (Finland)	Finnish Food Authority	3
SUOMI/FINLAND (Finland)	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SVERIGE (Sweden)	Swedish Board of Agriculture	2
SVERIGE (Sweden)	Swedish Food Agency	1
ÍSLAND (Iceland)	<i>Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority</i>	<i>1</i>

<i>NOREG/NORGE</i> <i>(Norway)</i>	<i>Norwegian Food Safety Authority</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>NOREG/NORGE</i> <i>(Norway)</i>	<i>Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>SUISSE/SVIZZERA/SCHWEIZ</i> <i>(Switzerland)</i>	<i>Federal Office for Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>