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## SUMMARY RECORD

### *MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION*

*online via Webex*

*Tuesday 05 May from 10:15 until 16:20*

Chair: Nicolas VERLET

Delegations present: All Member States except Malta

Norway, Iceland and Switzerland were present as observers.

#### **A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED**

N/A

#### **B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION**

##### **B.1. COVID-19 MEASURES**

The Commission presented the draft regulation on COVID\_19 measures for the organic sector. Discussion took place also on the implication of Regulation 2020/466 on the controls in the organic sector.

##### **B.2. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) laying down detailed rules for implementation of Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council on controls and other measures ensuring traceability and compliance in organic production - PLAN/2018/3297**

###### **a) Presentation**

- Template of the organic data in the Annual report – Article 25 (a) of Regulation 2017/625

The Commission informed the delegates the template for the organic data in the Annual Reports under the MANCP will be discussed in a next COP.

- Records keeping – Article 39(2)

- The Commission informed the delegates that regarding records keeping, a draft text will be presented based on the empowerment under article 34.8 which will amend annex II
- Communication for official control – Article 43 (7)

**b) Information on the adoption process**

**B.3. Commission Implementing Regulation for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies under compliance**

The Commission presented an overview of all the empowerments to be activated concerning rules for imports and the structure of the IA/DA.

**B.4. Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of products and substances for use in organic production and repealing Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 – PLAN/2020/7799**

**a) Presentation of the draft Implementing Act**

The draft IA including the recitals was presented; it includes in particular the justifications and conditions for the authorisations of products and substances, the procedure to grant specific authorisations for the use of products and substances in certain areas of third countries and the transitional provisions to ensure the validity of documentary evidence for products produced before 1 January 2021 and placed on the market after that date.

Some of the annexes of this IA were also presented including the non-organic feed, feed additives and processing aids, non-organic agricultural ingredients and the products and substances for use in organic production.

MS were requested to send their written comments by 29 May 2020.

**b) Information on the adoption process**

The technical annexes missing in this draft IA will be added progressively to the text; as consultations with other DGs are necessary, the adoption may be delayed after summer.

## **B.5. AOB**

### **1. DE (Ares(2020)2204426)**

- Possibility of a postponement of the application of the Regulation (EU) 2018/848
- COM received requests for postponing by one year (1.1.2022 instead of 1.1.2021) the date of entry into application of the Regulation (EU) 2018/848 from the European Parliament, IFOAM and two MS due to the COVID 19 crisis. COM is studying this possibility and the conditions to be attached to such a postponement.
- COM made a tour de table of the positions of MS: 25 MS supported formally or informally a postponement by one year.

### **2. NL (Ares(2020)2218341) & DK (Ares(2020)2227256)&BE**

- State of play of the Commission's analysis of the legal changes introduced by Regulation no 2018/848 regarding withdrawal periods in organic animal production as announced in the letter of the Commission of 20 January 2020 (Ref. Ares 2020 357256)

COM intends to send a draft document summarizing the discussions with DG SANTE and the legal analysis to the MS before the next COP meeting in June where it will be presented for discussions to the delegates.

- Interpretation on "prepacked" organic products under Regulation no 2018/848.

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### **3. FR EGTOP report on criteria for cleaning and disinfection (Ares (2020) 2356248)**

The draft EGTOP report has to be approved by the Plenary of the group. The issue of the approval of the draft report on cleaning and disinfection criteria will be discussed later in the year.

### **4. Debriefing on Taiwan**

The Commission debriefed delegates on the state of play of discussions with Taiwan.



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List of participants– Summary Record

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MEMBER STATE	MINISTRY OR ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BELGIUM	SERVICE PUBLIC DE WALLONIE – AGRICULTURE RESSOURCES NATURELLES ENVIRONNEMENT	2
	VLAAMSE OVERHEID, DEPARTEMENT LANDBOUW EN VISSERIJ	
BULGARIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
DENMARK	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD	2
	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD	
GERMANY	BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR ERNÄHRUNG UND LANDWIRTSCHAFT	2
	LANDESAMT FÜR NATUR, UMWELT UND VERBRAUCHERSCHUTZ	
ESTONIA	MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS	2
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IRELAND	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND THE MARINE	2
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GREECE	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD	1
SPAIN	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE	2
	MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, ALIMENTACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE	
FRANCE	MINISTÈRE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE L'AGROALIMENTAIRE ET DE LA FORÊT	3
	INAO	
	DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DE LA CONCURRENCE, DE LA CONSOMMATION ET DE LA RÉPRESSION DES FRAUDES	
CROATIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
ITALY	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE E FORESTALI	2
	MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE E FORESTALI	

CYPRUS	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT	
LATVIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	
LITHUANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
LUXEMBOURG	MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL	2
	MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DE LA VITICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL	
HUNGARY	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	1
MALTA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS	
NETHERLANDS	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, NATURE AND FOOD QUALITY	2
	NETHERLANDS ENTERPRISE AGENCY	
AUSTRIA	AUSTRIAN AGENCY FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY	2
	INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING AND FARM ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY	
POLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	
PORTUGAL	DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1
ROMANIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	
SLOVENIA	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD	2
	ADMINISTRATION FOR FOOD SAFETY	
SLOVAKIA	CENTRAL CONTROL AND TESTING INSTITUTE IN AGRICULTURE	2
FINLAND	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	3
	FINNISH FOOD AUTHORITY	
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SWEDEN	SWEDISH FOOD AGENCY	2
	SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	
EFTA SECR.		0
ICELAND	ICELANDIC FOOD AND VETERINARY AUTHORITY	1

NORWAY	NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY	2
	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	
SWITZERLAND	FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE FOAG	2
	FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE FOAG	