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**INVITATION TO THE MEETING OF
THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION**

I am pleased to invite the representatives of the Member States, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland to participate in the above-mentioned meeting that will take place

**in Brussels, rue de la Loi 130
11th floor
Meeting Room: B**

**from Tuesday 05 June 2018, 09:30
to Wednesday 06 June 2018, 18:30**

Interpretation foreseen 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)

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 building.

Documents: the documents will only be available on [CircaBC](#) and will not be sent by email.

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 Commission will reimburse the travel costs for **one representative per Member State**. (See reimbursement details in Annex.)

We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation and the name of participants via the **AGM registration** system **by 31 May (3 working days before the meeting)** at the latest.

In case you need further clarification about the AGM system, please do not hesitate to contact or visit the [Portal](#) with some [FAQ](#) or send an e-mail to: EC-AGM-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu

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Annex 1: Draft agenda

Annex 2: Representation form

Annex 3: Reimbursement information

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AGENDA

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A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 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**

B. POINTS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 837/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (D055736)**
- 2. Non- organic agricultural ingredients**
Presentation by the Commission of the template for the dossier, summary of substances to withdraw and to add
- 3. Organic reform and detailed planning of implementing and delegated acts for all production rules**
- 4. Organic heterogeneous plant reproductive material**
Presentation by the Commission (DG SANTE)
- 5. Planning of IA and DA for aquaculture:**
Presentation by the Commission (DG MARE)

- 6. Letters of interpretation**
- 7. Implementing and delegated acts on poultry and rabbits production rules**
Technical discussions
- 8. “Baby food”**
Interpretations following questions raised by FR, IT, LV and UK
- 9. “Flavourings”**
Presentation by the Commission
- 10. EGTOP**
- 11. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products**
- 12. Electronic certificate of inspection**
Update and exchange of views
- 13. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)**
- 14. Follow-up on the discussion on catalogue of measures in case of irregularities and infringements**
- 15. AOB**

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

Representation Form

The delegation of [Member State].....,
unable to assist the meeting of the [Committee
name].....
on [date]....., mandates, in conformity with the
instructions received from its own national authorities, the delegation of
[Member State]..... in order to
represent the mandating Member State during the above mentioned
Committee¹.

[City and date].....

Signed

Stamp

[The Head of delegation]

Please send this form to the Chairman of the Committee at: AGRI-B4@ec.europa.eu).

¹ A Member State delegation may represent a maximum of one other Member State. The Member State that is being represented shall inform the chair of this before the meeting, or, at the latest, before the vote.

This information sheet is a summary of the Rule* on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity.

WHO?

Who is entitled to a reimbursement of expert's expenses?

- anyone from outside the Commission who is invited to give a specific professional opinion in a committee, an expert group or by personal invitation, wherever the location of the meeting;
- anyone responsible for accompanying a disabled person who has been invited by the Commission to attend a meeting in an expert capacity.

Experts may be private-sector experts (representing the civil society) or government experts (representing a public authority of a Member State).

WHAT?

Unless stated otherwise in the letter of invitation and the request to organise the meeting, private-sector experts shall be entitled to a daily allowance for each day of the meeting and, where appropriate, an accommodation allowance, on condition that they declare on their honour that they are not receiving a similar allowance or similar allowances from the same institution or another Community institution for the same visit.

Government experts shall receive a daily allowance for each day of the meeting and, where appropriate, an accommodation allowance, provided that provision for this is made in the rules of procedure of the committee or expert group and on condition that they declare on their honour that they are not receiving a similar allowance or similar allowances from their own administration for the same visit.

Travel expenses

All experts shall be entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses from the place specified in their invitation to the place of the meeting. This travel must be organised on the basis of the most appropriate means of transport and trying to benefit from the most economical travel rates.

The services in charge of reimbursements shall have the right to carry out any checks that might be needed and to request any proof from the expert required for this purpose. They shall also have the right, where it appears to be justified, to restrict reimbursement to the rates normally applied to the usual journey from the expert's place of work or residence to the meeting place. So please do be careful when organising your trip.

As a general rule, means of transport are:

- first-class rail travel for journeys less than 400 km (one way);
- economy class air travel for distances of more than 400 km. Business class is allowed for a flight of 4 hours or more without stopovers;
- private car. The travel shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the first-class rail ticket, or by default at the rate of 0.22 € per km.



Travel expenses shall be reimbursed on presentation of ORIGINAL supporting documents:

- tickets and invoices;
- in the case of online bookings, the printout of the electronic reservation.

The documents supplied must show the class of travel used, the time of travel and the amount paid.

► Taxi fares shall not be reimbursed.

The Commission shall not be liable for any material, non-material or physical damage suffered by invited experts or those responsible for accompanying a disabled expert in the course of their journey to or stay in the place where the meeting is held, unless such harm is directly attributable to the Commission. In particular, invited experts who use their own means of transport for travelling to such meetings shall be entirely liable for any accidents that they might cause.

Daily allowance

The daily allowance is a flat rate. It covers all meals and local transport (bus, tram, metro, taxi, parking, motorway tolls, etc.), as well as travel and accident insurance. It amounts to 92 € per day of meeting.

If the distance between the place of departure cited in the invitation (be it your private or professional address) is 100 km or less from the place where the meeting is held, the daily allowance shall be reduced by 50%. You shall then only receive 46 € per day of meeting.



Accommodation allowance



If you have to spend one or more nights at the place where the meeting is held because the times of meetings are incompatible with the times of flights or trains, you shall also be entitled to an accommodation allowance. This allowance shall be 100 € per night. The number of nights may not exceed the number of meeting days + 1.

An additional accommodation allowance and/or daily allowance may, exceptionally, be paid if prolonging the stay would enable you to obtain a reduction in the cost of transport worth more than the amount of these allowances.

HOW?

You must provide the secretaries of the meeting with the documents necessary for their reimbursement, as required by the financial rules applicable in the Commission, by letter, fax or e-mail postmarked or dated no later than 30 calendar days after the final day of the meeting.

Beyond this deadline, the Commission is absolved from any obligation to reimburse travel expenses or pay any allowances.

Reimbursements shall be made in euros, where appropriate at the rate of exchange applying on the day of the meeting. All reimbursements shall be made to one and the same bank account. For government experts, reimbursements shall be paid into an account in the name of the Member State, one of its ministries or a public body.



* Commission decision of 5 December 2007