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**Invitation to the meeting of the
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC FARMING**

**The 120th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming
will take place on 08 & 09 July 2014 from 09:30 until 18:00 at
rue de la Loi 130 – 11th floor - room B**

**Simultaneous interpretation:
FR-DE-EN-IT-ES to FR-DE-EN-IT-ES**

I have the honour to invite the experts from the appropriate departments of the Governments of the Member States to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming which will take place on 08 & 09 July 2014 in Brussels at the following address:

**European Commission - DG AGRI building
rue de la Loi 130 – B 1049 BRUSSELS
11th floor - room B**

AGENDA

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

- 1. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 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 [Ares(2014)1896749]**

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the recognition of control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of compliance and equivalence in relation to the import of organic products [Ares(2014)432156]**

- 2. Presentation by EUROSTAT: Organic farming statistics – state of play of the data collection**
- 3. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation**
- 4. Irregularities and controls**
 - a) Update on notification of irregularities concerning EU products
 - b) Update on notification of irregularities concerning imported products
- 5. Presentation by delegations: Examination, according to Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, of the import authorisations granted to operators concerned by the Vertical Bio operation**
- 6. Presentation by DG MARE of draft working document about Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 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. AQUACULTURE**
- 7. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)**
 - a) Overview on third countries and CBs.
 - b) Korea, state of play.
 - c) Information on the recent on-the spot missions carried out in Colombia, Ecuador & Chile.
- 8. Miscellaneous¹**


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¹ Any subjects that the Member States wish to discuss under Point 'Miscellaneous' need to be submitted to the Commission and the other Member States at the latest one week before the meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming.

The delegations were updated on the state of play of recent on the spot mission to Colombia, Ecuador and Chili and on the reasons for the cancelling of the missions to Thailand and Mexico.

8. Miscellaneous

- a) Point raised by AT (*Article 11 of Regulation (EC) n° 834/2007*).

The COM distributed, as agreed in the previous SCOF, the letter replying to the AU question on the interpretation of Article 11 of regulation 834/2007.

- b) Commission informed Member States of its intention to propose for vote in the upcoming 8 July meeting a draft regulation extending for 3 years the current derogations on non-organic pullets and allowance for non-organic feed.

- c) DE requested information about the recent opinion of EGTOP on potassium phosphonate.

(see point 8)

- d) FR wanted to get information on the possible authorisations of the "basic substance" horsetail.

(see point 8)

Addendum to the report of the 118th meeting of the Standing Committee on Organic Farming of 15-16 May 2014

"The DK delegation raised an issue about contamination of Danish apples with an herbicide called "prosulphocarb". According to the Danish administration, traces of this pesticide have been detected on organic farms where apparently the substance was not used but transported by air over large distance. It was detected by a Danish supermarket chain during its own quality control analyses last November 2013. The Danish delegation wanted to inform that they have drawn an action plan which is based on information delivered from stakeholders. The plan contains a broad range of precautionary measures on how to avoid drift and contamination when conventional farmers are using pesticides. They will send a presentation in writing of the case before the next SCOF."



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Annex: List of participants