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Invitation to the meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

The 121st meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Organic Production will take place on 22 September 2014 from 14:30 until 18:30 & on 23 September 2014 from 09:00 until 18:30 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 Regulatory Committee on Organic Production which will take place on 22 & 23 September 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

N/A

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. Draft Regulation 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**

3. Draft Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No .../..of XXX amending and correcting 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. (based on EGTOP Aquaculture reports A and B)

4. FVO audits

Presentation of 2015 programme

5. Reporting and notifications under organic farming legislation

6. Irregularities

- a) Update on notification of EU irregularities
- b) Update on notification of irregularities concerning imported products
 - (1) Overview of notifications per 01/09/2014 (pdf attached to invitation and on Circa)
 - (a) 26 new cases between 04/07/2014 and 31/08/2014
 - (b) Analyses of notifications from 01/01/2013 until 30/08/2014 as regards involvement of Member States and CBs
 - (2) Speed and effectiveness of the handling of the 2014 cases. 32 open cases passed their deadline for reply – discussion on possible improvements
 - (3) Treatment of cases in which a CB is involved that was removed from the list
 - (4) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion:
 - (a) 9/2014 (BE),
 - (b) 18/2014 (DE),
 - (c) 28/2014 (DE),
 - (d) 54/2014 (IT),
 - (e) 26/2014 and 127/2014 (NL)

7. Chlorate residues in food

Information on recent rise in findings of chlorate residues in food products. SANCO E.3 will present latest state of play. (Document 'Guideline on monitoring of chlorates in food and drinking water' posted on Circa)

8. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)

- a) Overview on third countries and CBs.
- b) Information on the peer review carried out by the USNOP in UK and France on 21-25 July
- c) Controls on EU organic dairy production without the use of antibiotics for export to the US under the EU-US equivalence arrangement (outline sent by email to MS delegates on 4 December 2013)
- d) Korea: state of play
- e) OFIS developments related to the import authorisation module.

9. EGTOP – updated information on current reports: Food III and Feed II

10. Miscellaneous¹

- DE – Imports from Third Countries [Ares(2014)2859782]:
 1. How to inform on changes in the standards of equivalent recognized third country.
 2. Can a processed product imported from a recognized third country which is composed - like a vanilla paste - of additives which are not listed in the annexes of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 be used by an operator in the EU as an ingredient of another processed organic product ?

- SE – Conditions to be applied to processing of commercial inputs [Ares(2014)2792963]

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diego Canga". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Diego CANGA FANO