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## Invitation to the meeting of the COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION

**The 134<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Organic Production  
will take place on 21 September 2016 from 09:00 to 18:00 at  
rue de la Loi 130 – 11<sup>th</sup> floor - room B**

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

I have the honour to invite the experts from the appropriate departments of the Governments of the Member States, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland to attend a meeting of the Committee on Organic Production which will take place on 21 September 2016 in Brussels at the following address:

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

### **AGENDA**

#### **Section A – Opinion of the Committee**

- 1. Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the electronic certificate of inspection for imported organic products and certain other elements, and Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards the requirements for preserved or processed organic products and the transmission of information (D042122)**

#### **Section B – Points for information and/or discussion**

- 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 (amendment of annexes III and IV).**

## **2. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU**

- a. Overview of notifications (31 May to 11 August)
- b. Cases for presentation by notified/notifying Member States, information and discussions
  - INEU-13/2016 FR-DE, INEU-93/2015 BE-DE (hops, hop pellets)
- 3. The Commission's preliminary assessment and discussions
  - INEU-85/2015 NL-DK, INEU-1565 BE-NL (several products)
  - Cases involving barley grass powder and similar products

## **3. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products**

- 1) Overview of notifications as per 31/08/2016
- 2) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
  - a. 127, 157, 161, 162, 163, 177 and 180/2016 – NL – rapeseed and flax seed from Russia
  - b. Notifications on imports from Egypt

## **4. Guidelines on additional official controls on imports from Ukraine and neighbouring countries**

Evaluation of the application of these guidelines and their possible prolongation.

## **5. Import regime (Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008)**

- 1) Import of organic salmon from Norway
- 2) Overview third countries

## **6. Reporting of operators to EUROSTAT**

## **7. Miscellaneous<sup>1</sup>**

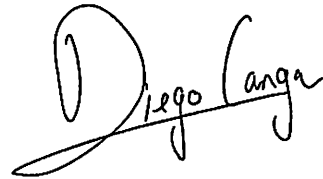
- 1) NL: request of a temporary exceptional production rule
- 2) Annual Reports 2014 under MANCPs
- 3) Labelling: question on "EU/non-EU Agriculture", and on labelling of organic spirit drinks

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Committee on Organic Production.

Yours sincerely,

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Diego CANGA FANO