



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate B. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach
The Director

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SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the Committee on Organic Production

7 March 2017

Chairman: Lene NAESAGER

27 Member States were present. 1 MS was absent. Norway and Switzerland were present as observers

Section A – Opinion of the Committee

1. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards feed for certain organic aquaculture animals

The Committee voted in favour of an Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards feed for certain organic aquaculture animals. The purpose of the modification is to ensure that the dietary needs of these animals – primarily carp, shrimp and tropical fish such as pangasius – can be met during their early life stages in hatcheries and nurseries.

Section B – Points for information and/or discussion

1. EGTOP Call for application information
2. Follow-up of irregularities and fraud allegations in the EU
 - 1) Overview and analyses of irregularities notified in 2016
 - 2) Cases for presentation by the notified (notifying) Member States and discussion

145/2016 IT-RO, sunflower seeds

3. 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).

- The Commission presented the main changes to the Regulation, especially as regards scope extensions and potential suspension of a number of control bodies following audit inspections of the DG SANTE Directorate F.

5. Miscellaneous¹

- Cooperation between DG AGRI and Accreditation Bodies

The Commission reminded that the Action Plan on Organic production defines cooperation with the Accreditation bodies as a major priority. Therefore the Commission tries to encourage Member States to explore synergies and simplifications between activities by Accreditation Bodies and Competent Authorities. The Commission also liaises with Accreditation Bodies responsible for the surveillance on Control Bodies in Third Countries.

- Official controls and organics

A presentation of the main issues covered in the new Official Controls Regulation was made.

- Production of organic rice in the EU – follow-up

An exchange of views took place following information submitted from the delegations.

- End of derogation on 5% of non-organic protein animal feed and derogation on the use of non-organic pullets less than 18 weeks.

Those derogations are due to expire at the end of 2017. Exchange of view with delegations

- Authorisation of non-organic ingredients

A presentation was made on the trends and legal framework and an exchange of views took place concerning the authorisations to use non-organic ingredients of agricultural origin to operators.

- Conclusions of the BTSF workshop (Grange, Ireland 27-29 September 2016) on how to improve controls
- Overview of imports

The Commission presented a draft study on first analysis of data related to imports of organic products drafted by Marie Herman (trainee).

- Update on the incorporation of the EU Organic Regulations to the EEA Agreement

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 Committee on Organic Production.

The Commission briefed MS about the upcoming incorporation of the EU Organic Regulations to the EEA Agreement.

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Lene NAESAGER
Acting Director

List of participants– Summary Record
 Committee on Organic Production
 Date: 7 March 2017

| MEMBER STATE | MINISTRY OR ORGANIZATION | NUMBER OF PERSONS |
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| BE | VLAAMSE OVERHEID | 1 |
| | SPW WALLONIE | 1 |
| BG | | |
| CZ | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| DK | MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD | 1 |
| | AGRI FISH AGENCY | 1 |
| DE | Landesamt für Natur Umwelt und Verbrauchers | 1 |
| | Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirts | 1 |
| | Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung | 1 |
| EE | MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS | 1 |
| IE | DEP. OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE | 1 |
| EL | P.R. | 1 |
| ES | DEP. OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY | 1 |
| FR | MINISTRY OF ECONOMY | 1 |
| | MINISTÈRE DE L'AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| | INAO | 1 |
| HR | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| IT | MIPAAF | 1 |
| CY | P.R. | 1 |
| LV | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| LT | P.R. | 1 |
| LU | ADM. DES SERVICES TECHNIQUES DE L'AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| HU | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| MT | MINISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIR. | 1 |
| NL | MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS | 2 |
| AT | BMGF | 1 |
| PL | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPM. | 1 |
| PT | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPM. | 1 |
| RO | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPM. | 1 |
| SI | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |

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| SK | CENTRAL CONTROL AND TESTING INSTITUTE | 1 |
| FI | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY | 1 |
| SE | SWEDISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE | 1 |
| | NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY | 1 |
| UK | DEFRA | 1 |
| CH | BUNDESAMT FÜR LANDWIRTSCHAFT | 1 |
| NO | NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY | 1 |
| | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD | 1 |