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**INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION**

I am pleased to invite the representatives of the Member States, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland to participate in the meeting of the Committee on Organic Production that will take place

**in Brussels, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 130**  
**Meeting Room: 11 B**

**on Thursday 30 November and Friday 01 December 2017, from 09:30 to 18:00**

Interpretation will be available 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)

**Registration: Please note that registration is obligatory.** Participants are kindly invited to register via the on-line registration form on the link below. It is mandatory to encode the date of birth and passport or ID card number of every visitor. After registration, your name will be added to the security list which is sent to COM Security services 48 h in advance of the meeting. Then you will receive an email containing a security "e-pass" which **must be shown** at the entrance of the building, along with the meeting invitation.

**NEW:** At the reception you will receive a new paper-based nominative **visitor access passes** which will replace the current non-nominative visitor stickers. Prior e-Pass registration significantly facilitates and accelerates visitor registration procedures for the visitors and the security guards.

**Registration link:**

**<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CommitteeOrganicProduction30nov01dec2017>**

**Deadline for registration: Monday 27 November 2017 14:00h**

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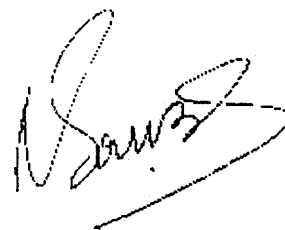
We would like to draw your attention to the fact that Member States are requested to limit their delegation to two representatives for this meeting and that the **travel costs** for

only one representative per Member State will be reimbursed by the Commission. (See reimbursement details in Annex.)

You will shortly receive an email with detailed practical information concerning the reimbursement procedure.

We kindly ask you to **prepare your reimbursement files** duly filled in as incomplete files will not be accepted by the meetings coordinators.

**Please note that the documents will only be available on CircaBC and will not be sent by email.**



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Annex1: Draft agenda

Annex 2: Representation form

Annex 3: Reimbursement information

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### **AGENDA**

#### **SECTION A – OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 1. Commission implementing 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 (updates of Annex III and IV)**

#### **SECTION B – POINTS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION**

- 1. Commission Implementing Regulation 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 (D053884/01 - derogation on poultry and protein feed)**
- 2. Review of organic legislation**  
State of play
- 3. EU irregularities**
  - 1) Overview of notifications as per 10/11/2017
  - 2) Cases for presentation by the notified/notifying country/Member State and discussions
    - INEU-328/2017 NO-GB, INEU-310/2017 NO-GB – fish feed from the UK
  - 3) Recent fraud allegations in the media
- 4. Follow up to irregularities and fraud allegations on imported products**
  - 1) Overview of notifications as per 25/10/2017
  - 2) Cases for presentation by the notifying Member State and discussion
    - a. 282/2017 – DE – adzuki beans from China

- b. 296/2017 – AT – cumin seeds from Sri Lanka
- c. 308/2017 – IT – flax seed from Russian Federation

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

- 1) India: follow-up on potential barriers for EU organic products to enter Indian market
- 2) Japan: mission report
- 3) Korea: on-the-spot visit to Poland, 20-24 November
- 4) US: Organic Working Group meeting, 8 November
- 5) Plurilateral arrangement: workshop in Chile, 5-7 December
- 6) Information on the meeting with CBs/CAs
- 7) Suspension of 'Egyptian Center of Organic Agriculture' (ECO) from the list of recognised control bodies

## **6. Electronic certificate of inspection**

Exchange of views

## **7. Guidelines on additional official controls on imports from Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation**

Final evaluation of the application of these guidelines and their possible prolongation.

## **8. EGTOP**

- State of play
- 1st meeting on 9 October (minutes on circa)
- Mandate to be endorsed by the Committee (document on circa)

## **9. Authorisations of non-organic ingredients of agricultural origin**

## **10. Question on shrimps**

## **11. OFIS developments**

- 1) Presentation of a new functionality to manage requests for scope amendment by recognised control authorities/bodies in third countries
- 2) Discussion on improvements to, and future of, OFIS

## **12. Miscellaneous**

- 1) Commission positions concerning certain control aspects
- 2) Letters of interpretation
- 3) Judgement of the Court in case C-289/16

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