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SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION
Meeting via videoconference (Webex)
on 7, 8 and 9 July 2021

Chair: Elena Panichi

Delegations present: All delegations were present.
Norway and Switzerland were present as observers.

A. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

B. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FOR INFORMATION

B.1. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...of XXX authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists: outcome of vote by written procedure (PLAN/2020/7799) already voted

Adoption is foreseen for 15 July 2021.

B.2. Draft COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...of XXX laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on certain records and declarations required from operators of organic products and the technical means for the issuance of certificate (PLAN/2021/11099) for discussion to be followed by ISC, Feed Back mechanism and then vote

COM presented a draft text that would lay down certain records and declarations required from operators of organic products and would provide the legal basis for the issuing of certificates in TRACES.

B.3. Interpretation letters and working documents (production rules, international)

COM drew the attention to several letters uploaded in CIRCA BC for this meeting concerning a number of subjects for which an interpretation letter or a working document was shared with the Member States :

TRADE: Verifications (Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007; Change of importer in the Certificate of Inspection; procedure for submission of the dossier for recognition under equivalence.

B.4. EGTOP

COM presented the state of play regarding the latest EGTOP meetings and reports and the future call for experts for the future mandate. An overview was given of the most recent requests.

B.5. Future procedure for the authorisation of conventional ingredients

COM highlighted the limited possibilities for MS to authorise non-organic agricultural ingredients at national level in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848: temporary authorisation based on substantiated information to be notified to the Commission.

B.6. Non-compliances OFIS EU and OFIS INTC - Report from the 1st meeting of the working group on non-compliances

COM reported back from the 1st meeting of the working group on non-compliances.

B.7. Electronic certificate of operators – TRACES

COM presented the first pilot version of the system for electronic certification of organic operators in TRACES.

B.8. Draft COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/977 as regards the period of application of the temporary measures in relation to controls on the production of organic products (PLAN/2021/11300) to be followed by a written vote.

COM presented the draft text of the extension of the current temporary measures in relation to controls on the production of organic products, which will last until 31 December 2021.

B.9. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... laying down rules on documents and notifications required for organic and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union (PLAN/2021/10567)

COM presented the latest developments and the timeline for the adoption and publication of the text. COM also presented the draft document on Questions & Answers that will be further developed during the autumn

B.10. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX laying down certain rules concerning the certificate issued to operators, groups of operators and exporters in third countries involved in the imports of organic products into the Union and establishing the list of recognised control authorities and control bodies in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council (PLAN/2021/10211)

COM presented the latest developments concerning this Act and the forthcoming schedule before publication. COM also reported the results of the feedback mechanism procedure

B.11. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...of XXX establishing and modifying the lists of third countries, control authorities and control bodies recognised for the purpose of equivalence under Article 33(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (PLAN/2020/6712)

COM presented to MS the state of play of this draft, the time line before publication, as well as the content of the document.

B.12. Imports of sesame seeds from India. Follow-up on letters; Guidelines; follow-up actions in relation to Annex IV of R. 1235/2008

COM presented the state of play regarding the import of sesame seeds from India and the follow-up measures to adequately tackle this issue.

B.13. E-seal – state of play of the enrolment procedure for EU Member States, and for Annex III and Annex IV under R. 1235/2008

COM informed the delegates of the state of play.

B.14. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending and correcting 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 (PLAN/2020/6783)

COM presented the draft of the foreseen amendment.

B.15. International points

COM informed concerning a number of international partners.

No further suspension beyond 1 July 2021 is foreseen for the application of the 2021 additional control guidelines.

B.16. Information from COM on state of play of implementing acts

COM presented a table with the state of play of the secondary legislation.

B.17. AOB

COM replied to a number of AOB requested by MS.



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| MEMBER STATE | MINISTRY OR ORGANISATION | NUMBER OF PERSONS |
|--------------|---|-------------------|
| BE | Department of Agriculture and Fisheries | 2 |
| | SPW ARNE | 1 |
| | FAVV AFSCA | 1 |
| | Customs authority | 1 |
| BG | Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry | 2 |
| CZ | Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| DK | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries | 5 |
| DE | Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung | 3 |
| | Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz (LANUV) | 1 |
| EE | Agriculture and Food Board | 1 |
| | Ministry of Rural Affairs | 1 |
| IE | DAFM | 3 |
| EL | Ministry of Rural Development and Food | 1 |
| ES | MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN | 4 |
| | The Basque Government | 1 |
| FR | Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation / DGPE | 2 |
| | DGCCRF Ministère de l'Economie | 1 |
| | INAO | 3 |
| HR | Ministry of Agriculture | 2 |
| IT | MIPAAF | 3 |
| CY | Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development and Environment | 1 |

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| LV | Ministry of Agriculture | 2 |
| LT | Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| LU | Administration des services techniques de l'agriculture | 3 |
| HU | Ministry of Agriculture | 1 |
| MT | Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights | 1 |
| NL | Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality | 3 |
| | Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Control | 1 |
| AT | AGES | 1 |
| | BMLRT | 1 |
| PL | Main Inspectorate of Agriculture and Food Quality | 1 |
| | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 |
| PT | DGADR - Direção Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | 3 |
| RO | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | 3 |
| SI | Administration for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection | 2 |
| | MAFF | 1 |
| SK | Department of Fruit and Organic Production Central Control & Testing Institute in Agriculture | 2 |
| FI | Finnish Food Authority | 1 |
| | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | 2 |
| SE | Swedish Board of Agriculture | 1 |
| | Swedish Food Agency | 1 |
| IS | | --- |
| NO | Food Safety Authority | 1 |
| CH | Federal Office for Agriculture | 1 |