**Working Party on Foodstuff Quality (Organic Farming)**

**Tuesday 25 October 2016**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Brussels, 18 October 2016

Dear delegates,

On behalf of the Slovak Presidency, you are invited to participate in the meeting of the Working Party on Food Quality (Organic Farming) to be held on **Tuesday** **25 October 2016**, at **10h00**, in the Council's Justus Lipsius Building, meeting room 20.1[[1]](#footnote-1). The notice of meeting and the provisional agenda are set out in **CM 4259/16 REV1**, which is available on the Delegates Portal.

**I. PROVISIONS TO BE EXAMINED AT THE MEETING**

Further to delegations' comments at the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) on 12 September, 26 September and 3 October 2016 and the written comments received (comments on livestock are published in doc 13083/16 + ADD-s) as well as based on discussions that took place during the drafting group meetings between the Presidency, the European Parliament and the Commission, a revised text of Parts I, II, III and V of Annex II as set out in doc **13215/16** has been prepared. This text will be the basis for the discussion in the Working Party. The Working Party will concentrate exclusively on the following points:

**Part I of Annex II - Plants** (Annex I of doc 13215/16)

1) Article 10(2) - derogation for organic seeds (short exchange of views based on EP AM 133 and explanatory note of EP in Annex VI of 13215/16)

2) Point 1.3.5.2 - reduction of the conversion period to 6 months

3) Point 1.4.2 - use of plant reproductive material not obtained from organic production units

4) Point 1.8 - preparation of unprocessed products

5) Point 1.5.8b - ferti-irrigation

**Part II of Annex II - Livestock** (Annex II of doc13215/16)

**1) Specific production rules (rabbits, cervine)**

a) Point 1.2.2 (g) and (h) - conversion

b) Point 1.3.5.1.1 (c) and (e) - use of non-organic animals

c) Point 1.3.5.1.2(a) - female animals

d) Point 1.8.2 (points 1.8.2.1, 1.8.2.2, 1.8.2.3) - cervine

e) Point 1.8.5.1 - rabbits

**2) Specific requirements (porcine, poultry)**

a) 1.8.3.1 - nutrition of pigs

b) 1.8.3.2 - housing of pigs, maximum size limit

c) 1.8.4.2 - poultry

d) 1.8.4.4 - size limit for production units, poultry

**3) General requirements**

a) Point 1.3.4a - 1.3.5.5 (EP AM 303, 2nd para) average growth and production rates and 1.8.4.1 slow growing poultry strains

b) Point 1.8.1.1 - nutrition

**Part III of Annex II - Aquaculture** (Annex III of doc 13215/16)

Point 4.1.2.1 ((db) - GA) - derogation for non-organic juveniles

**Part V of Annex II - Wine** (Annex IV of doc13215/16)

Point 3.3(a) - heat treatment

**The following points will not be discussed during the Working Party:**

**-points 1.1, 1.1.a and 1.1.b of Part I of Annex II (greenhouses);**

**-points 1.7.6 and 1.7.9 of Part II of Annex II (tethering and mutilation);**

**-empowerments given to the Commission.**

**These points are of political nature and will be discussed at the SCA.**

**II. PRESIDENCY'S OBJECTIVE AND STRUCTURE OF THE DISCUSSION**

At the SCA level, several delegations requested a Working Party meeting in order to discuss issues of more technical nature. The Presidency has an intention to make a report to the SCA on the outcome of this Working Party meeting.

At the meeting, delegations will be invited to take a position on the points listed above, point by point. Alternative drafting suggestions are welcome. Silence will be taken as agreement with the particular text set out in doc 13215/16 .

This will, in principle, be the only Working Party meeting on this file. Any outstanding issues will be addressed and agreed at the SCA or consulted by a written procedure.

1. Meeting rooms can change at the very last minute. Therefore, delegates are invited to check meeting rooms on the screens in the Justus Lipsius building, just before the meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)