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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 1562nd meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) held in
Brussels on 20th November 2017

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
14455/17 OJ CSA 22

The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1561st meeting of the SCA**
14034/17 CRS CSA 21

The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (first reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2014/0100 (COD)

- Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
13868/17 AGRILEG 200 CODEC 1719

The SCA confirmed the final compromise text set out in Annex I of document 13868/17. Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Lithuania and Slovakia could not support the text and Belgium, Germany and Hungary abstained. The SCA took note of the two Commission statements set out in Annex II of document 13868/17.

The SCA authorised the Presidency to send the offer letter to the Chairman of the EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development in view of concluding an agreement in first reading.

The SCA took note of comments by delegations and the Commission. The French delegation requested to insert a statement into the SCA minutes (see Annex).

4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the production levies and the coefficient for calculating the additional levy in the sugar sector for the 1999/2000 marketing year and fixing the production levies in the sugar sector for the 2000/2001 marketing year**

Interinstitutional file: 2017/0269 (NLE)

- Presentation by the Commission
13659/17 AGRI 575 AGRIORG 104 AGRIFIN 111 + ADD 1

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as of the views expressed by some delegations. The Commission proposal will be presented to the Agrifin Group on 29 November and further discussed by the Working Party on Sugar and Isoglucose on 8 December 2017.

To prepare the Working Party meeting Member States are invited to submit their comments and/or questions in writing by 30 November 2017 if they have any. The SCA will then come back to this file at one of its forthcoming meetings with a view to recommending that the Council adopt the Regulation in the coming weeks.

5. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the state of play of the Omnibus proposal, as well as on the next SCA meeting on 4 December and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 and 12 December 2017.

The PL delegation asked for 2 AOB¹ items to be tabled at that Council meeting (on the situation in both the Sugar and the Pig Meat markets), and the SK delegation asked for an AOB item on UTPs in the food chain.

¹ The PL delegation has in the meantime agreed to postpone their request to the January "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council.

STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION**Déclaration de la France
à annexer au procès-verbal du Comité spécial agriculture du 20 novembre 2017**

La France avait souhaité une plus grande ambition concernant l'utilisation des adjuvants, synergisants et co-formulants dans la production biologique. Elle peut accepter le texte final en considération du fait qu'il sera toujours possible d'interdire au niveau national l'utilisation de certaines substances si celles-ci ne respectent pas les principes et objectifs de la production biologique.

La France demande à la Commission d'assurer le suivi de la mise en œuvre de l'article 9(3) et de son impact sur la production biologique. S'il s'avère que la mise en œuvre de l'article 9(3) deuxième alinéa est de nature à affecter l'intégrité du secteur biologique, la Commission devra proposer au Conseil et au Parlement européen une modification réglementaire appropriée.

Enfin, la France souhaite rappeler qu'elle reste attachée à ce que la mise en œuvre au niveau européen et national du règlement réponde pleinement aux objectifs poursuivis par celui-ci, notamment quant à la robustesse du système de contrôle. Elle rappelle par ailleurs ses déclarations jointes au PV des CSA du 27 février et du 29 mai 2017.

(Courtesy translation in English)

Statement of France

to be annexed to the Summary record of the Special Committee on Agriculture on 20th November

France wished for a more ambitious text regarding the use of safeners, synergists, co-formulants and adjuvants in organic production. France can accept this final draft considering that it will still be possible to prohibit at a national level the use of certain such products if those products do not respect the principles and objectives of the organic production.

France asks the Commission to monitor the implementation of Article 9(3) and its impact on organic production. If it turns out that the implementation of Article 9 (3) is likely to affect the integrity of the organic sector, the Commission shall consider proposing to the Council and the European Parliament an appropriate modification of the Regulation.

Finally, France reiterates its concern for an implementation at a national and European level of the regulation which will fully comply with the objectives of organic production, especially regarding to the control system. France also recalls its previous statements annexed to the Summary records of the Special Committee on Agriculture meetings on 27th February and 29th May 2017.
