

AQA(13)4407 – JV/al

TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on the Quality Assurance in Agriculture
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Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and the Advisory Group on 24th and 25th June 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on Quality of Agriculture Production** will be held on **25th June from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m**
[AQA\(13\)3890 \(rev.1\)](#)

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Olivier De Carné, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture which will be held on:

24th June from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 11th June 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the latest** so we can inform the Commission's services in time. Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Advisory Group meeting.

Please regularly check the "Quality Assurance in Agriculture" section on Agri-Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Best regards,

Javier Valle

¹ COPA-COGECA has 18 seats in the Advisory Group, which will be allocated in accordance with document [PR(04)72F1]/[P(04)166F1], which was approved by the COPA and COGECA Praesidia on 6 and 14 May 2004.

Draft Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(13\)4407 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (18/02/2013)
[AQA\(13\)2392 \(rev.1\)](#)
3. Discussion on the possibility to organize a Workshop in Autumn on
“Sustainability and Quality Assurance Schemes”
4. Preparation for the meeting of the Advisory Group on “Quality of Agriculture production” on Tuesday 25 June 2013, from 9:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs:
 - 4.1 **Regulation No 1151/2012** on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs:
 - a) Implementation of the optional quality term ‘mountain product’: Commission delegated acts on applying the optional quality term (art. 31 of Reg. 1151/2012).
 - b) Preparation of the report on the case for a new term, 'product of island farming' and possible legislative proposals (art. 32 of Reg. 1151/2012).
 - c) Optional term ‘from my farm’: Commission delegated acts reserving an additional quality term and conditions of use. Update on discussions within the WG ‘product from my farm’ and the next steps.
 - 4.2 **State of play of discussions regarding the legislative proposals on the future of the CAP**
 - 4.3 **European Commission’s proposal on official controls on food and feed safety, animal health and animal welfare** (review of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004): the link to Quality Certification schemes.
 - 4.4 **Negotiations between the EU and the US** - Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): state of play
 - 4.5 **Latest information concerning the preparation of implementing rules/reports on the issue of origin labelling** (Article 26 of Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers)
 - 4.6 **Information on the future of EU promotion policy for agricultural products**: update on legislative discussions and preparation of the EC legislative proposal.