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<b>TO:</b>	<b>Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture</b>
<b>COPY:</b>	<b>National offices</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Javier Valle</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>

**Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and the Advisory Group on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on Quality of Agriculture Production** will be held on **18<sup>th</sup> February from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m** [AQA\(13\)10195 \(rev.2\)](#)

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:

**17<sup>th</sup> February 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 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 delegation<sup>1</sup>** 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

<sup>1</sup> COPA-COGECA has 12 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\(14\)318 \(rev.2\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (17/10/2013) and Advisory Group (18/10/2013) [AQA\(14\)220 \(rev.1\)](#)
3. Preparation for the meeting of the Advisory Group on “Quality of Agriculture production” on Tuesday 18 February 2014, from 9:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs:
  - 3.1 **Presentation of the Strategic Agenda of the Advisory Group for 2014/2015**
  - 3.2 **Regulation N° 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs:**
    - State of play of
      - a) Draft implementing act laying down rules for the application of Regulation No 1151/2012
      - b) Draft horizontal delegated act supplementing Regulation No 1151/2012
      - c) Draft delegated act with regard to conditions of use of the optional quality term « mountain product »
        - Presentation and next steps
      - d) Report on the case for a local farming and direct sales labelling scheme
      - e) Report on the case for an optional quality term « product of island farming »
  - 3.3 **Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers :**
    - a) State of play of the reports on :
      - The mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance of other meats, milk and milk used as an ingredient in dairy products (article 26.5)
      - The mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance of unprocessed foods, ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food and single ingredient products(article 26.5)
    - b) Update on the WTO dispute with the United States on country of origin labelling (COOL) (written contribution)
  - 3.4 **Presentation of the new CAP focused on « quality related issues » : inclusion of the support measures for quality schemes in the national programs and its implementation**
  - 3.5 **State of play of the discussions on the European Commission’s proposal on official controls (review of regulation (EC) N° 882/2004) and the link to quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs**

- 4. Outcome of the informal discussion after our last Working Party meeting (14:30 to 16:30) in order to identify sustainability schemes with a large scope (environmental, social and economic)**
- 5. Proposal for a Regulation on promotion measures for agricultural products focused on quality schemes**
- 6. AOB**