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EU – Organic production and labelling of organic products

A proposed measure by the European Union which introduces changes to the regulatory framework for the production and labelling of organic products drew reactions from several members. The Dominican Republic, Canada, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Colombia expressed concerns about various parts of the regulation. The regulation required, it was noted, that a control certification and Certificate of Inspection be issued before the shipment was due to leave the country of origin and that it had to be approved by the authorities in the country of export. Furthermore, group certification would not be accepted any more. This would impact small producers who would have to bear the burden of the cost of individual certificates.

Concerned members were of the view that the measure could potentially cause administrative and financial ramifications for organic food exporters to the European Union. The EU was urged to notify any changes to its regulations to the Committee in order to allow time for comments.

The EU said that discussions were ongoing with EU member states. Nevertheless, organic products entering the EU market had to comply with EU organic production rules, including provisions on group certification. The EU would take into consideration the comments of members in the ongoing discussions.