

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 December 2012

amending the Decision of 30 July 2010 as regards its applicability and the composition of the High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain

(2012/C 396/06)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision of 30 July 2010 establishing the High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain ⁽¹⁾ is applicable until 31 December 2012.
- (2) The Forum has contributed to competitiveness in the EU agro-food value chain by following the implementation of the recommendations of the High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the Agro-Food Industry and of the initiatives proposed by the Commission in its Communication 'A Better Functioning Food Supply Chain in Europe' ⁽²⁾. The Forum has recommended further focussed actions to be carried out. These initiatives need to be followed up. The work of the High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain should therefore continue after 31 December 2012.
- (3) The membership of the Forum should be extended to national authorities from all Member States to facilitate exchanges of good practice and to enlarge the Forum's outreach. The representation of private organisations should be reviewed on the basis of a public call for application to ensure a balanced representation of stakeholders,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The Decision of 30 July 2010 is amended as follows:

1. Article 4 is amended as follows:
 - (a) Paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The Forum shall be composed of not more than 50 members.'

(b) Paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

'3. Member States' authorities shall nominate their representative in the preparatory group referred to in Article 5(2).

The other members shall be appointed by the Director General of the Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry from organisations with competence in the areas referred to in Article 2 and Article 3 and who have responded to the call for applications. Those organisations shall nominate their representatives in the Forum and in the preparatory group referred to in Article 5(2).

The Commission may refuse a representative nominated by an organisation if it considers, on the basis of justified grounds specified when the group was set up or in the rules of procedures of the group, that the nomination is not appropriate. In such cases, the organisation concerned shall be asked to appoint another representative.'

2. Article 7 is replaced by the following:

'Article 7

Applicability

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 2014.'

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2012.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ C 210, 3.8.2010, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ COM(2009) 591 of 28.10.2009.