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EUROPEAN FOOD SCP ROUND TABLE

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

ON THE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION ALONG THE FOOD CHAIN, INCLUDING TO CONSUMERS

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The consultation closes on 26 April 2010



1. BACKGROUND

The European Food Sustainable Consumption and Production Round Table

The European Food Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Round Table is an initiative co-chaired by the European Commission and food supply chain partners, which aims to establish the food chain as a major contributor towards sustainable consumption and production in Europe. The European Food SCP Round Table brings together stakeholders from almost every stage of the food supply chain, from farmers and their suppliers, to traders, processors and distributors, to packaging, retailers, restaurants and recycling organisations. The European Food SCP Round Table has three key objectives:

- Establish scientifically reliable and uniform environmental assessment methodologies for food and drinks
- Identify suitable tools and guidance for voluntary environmental communication to consumers and other stakeholders
- Promote continuous environmental improvement measures along the entire food supply chain.

Consultation Details

What is the purpose of this consultation?

To seek the views of stakeholders on the draft guiding principles on the voluntary environmental assessment and communication of environmental information along the food chain, including both business-to-business and business-to-consumer. The guiding principles will serve as a basis for developing a framework assessment methodology for food and drink products and for identifying suitable voluntary communication tools.

Proposed Document

- Draft guiding principles on the voluntary environmental assessment and communication of environmental information along the food chain, including to consumers

Questions

- Do you have any comments on the "Background" chapter of the Guiding Principles?
- Do you have any comments on the "Definitions" chapter of the Guiding Principles?
- Do you have any comments on the "Lead Principle"?
- Do you have any comments on the "Principles for the voluntary assessment of food and drink products"?
- Do you have any comments on the "Principles for voluntary environmental communication along the food chain including to consumers"?
- Do you have any comments on the "Principles for both voluntary environmental assessment and communication"?
- Do you have any other comments?



Consultation Process

This consultation will close on 26 April 2010. The European Food SCP Round Table welcomes responses to the questions asked in this consultation and about issues arising from the proposed document and any other relevant issues.

Responses should be sent to the Secretariat by email or by hard copy to the addresses shown above. Please state in your response, whether you are responding as a private individual, on behalf of an organisation/company (including details of any stakeholders your organisation represents) or a public authority.

Protection of personal data

The Secretariat will hold a copy of consultation responses. A summary of responses will be published on www.food-scp.eu. Individual responses will be made available to all members of the European Food SCP Round Table. Members of the European Food SCP Round Table are not allowed to use your data for interests outside the European Food SCP Round Table.

The personal data collected and further processed are data necessary for the participation in the public consultation, such as name/surname/profession/postal & email addresses/phone number/fax number. If you do not wish this information to be disclosed please indicate this on the questionnaire. It does not mean that we will treat your response to the consultation as confidential, just your personal data.

Your personal data will be part of a list of contact details for the purpose of contacting you in the future in the context of European Food SCP Round Table activities. If you do not agree to this, please indicate this on your response sheet.

We will keep your data as long as necessary for the treatment of the replies and follow-up action but no longer than one year from the end of the consultation.