

Notes from COO Liaison Committee meeting 2008/03/03

Present: Paddy Doherty (OFC), Nicole Boudreau (OFC), Sally Blackman (CPMA), Gunta Vitins (SunOpta), Anne Wilkie (CHFA), Michel Saumur (COO), Julie Belzile (OFC), Catherine Carroll (OPAM), Matt Holmes (OTA)

- 1) Canada Standard - results of first ballot out next week – the Chair and Secretary intend to return responses on comments by March 24th - important to work positively in April

Technical needs the wording of the regulations – Apparently the English copy is ready – lawyers need to approve, then management needs to approve; then consultation still needed to clarify how consultation will occur

- 2) CODEX hearing on organic in April in Ottawa – COO will send position papers to OFC
- 3) Paddy and Steven Cross (Standards Council of Canada) are members of ISO CASCO 29 Working Group to amend ISO 65 (the new standard will be 17065) the next meeting is on April 8, 9th in Geneva
- 4) Valeriya reports that AB assessments will be finished next week – meeting with ABs – hoping to have the list of recognised ABs and CBs by May or June
- 5) In Brusells next week – preparing side-by-side with US to submit to OFC by third week in March – little results from country survey
- 6) OFC has presented a proposal to the COO regarding how standards will be interpreted within the COR – waiting for response from COO
- 7) Stream of Commerce – COO is waiting for response from industry – Paddy will convene the Stream of Commerce committee
- 8) Ken Bruce reported on positive labelling discussions at Sidney (COABC conference)

Next meeting March 17th 1 pm Eastern 866-646-2080 passcode: 2217165