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Meeting of the EXPERT GROUP – ANIMAL PRODUCTS

20 February 2020

Chair: Kai-Uwe SPRENGER, AGRI G3

Delegations present: all Member States had sent experts, except for Cyprus and Malta (represented by Italy)

- 1. Approval of the agenda and of the minutes of previous meeting**
- 2. Nature of the meeting**

Non-public

3. List of points discussed

1. EU school scheme. Working document: draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/40 as regards the evaluation of the implementation of the school scheme.

The Commission illustrated the changes to the working document further to discussions at the last meeting and to written comments by experts from DE, IE and PL.

The wording of the Article on evaluation clarifies what is to be assessed (did the scheme increase children's consumption of fruit, vegetables, milk and milk products) and is better aligned to the legal requirements for educational measures (they may aim at reconnecting children with agriculture but also be designed for other related issues). Finally, if the scheme is implemented at regional level, the submission of regional reports is a choice for the Member State concerned.

In reply to a request by the expert from DK, the Commission provided examples of how to assess children's awareness about healthy eating habits: change in the percentage of children aware of how many portions of fruit and vegetables they should eat per day, change in the percentage of children aware of the food pyramid. In reply to a comment by the expert from EL, the Commission representative will consider fine-tuning further the wording of the delegated and implementing regulations.

2. Market transparency in the beef sector (Regulation 2019/1746)

2.1 Information on the outcome of the questionnaire to Member States on market transparency for the beef sector

The Commission informed experts on replies received to the questionnaire on market transparency. For beef, 5 Member States are already collecting information on prices for quarters, while only 1 is collecting selling prices for minced meat. No detailed information is currently available on buying prices for minced meat.

2.2 Information from selected Member States collecting prices in the beef sector

France and the Czech Republic presented their systems to collect prices in the beef sector.

2.3 Exchange of views on possible definition harmonisation in the beef sector

The Commission recalled the new notification obligations and proposed the use of quarter definitions provided in the combined nomenclature. The degree of data aggregation would be decided once Member States notify their methodologies and product definitions as well as the categories of animals for which prices will be collected. For minced meat, the definition provided in Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 (food information to consumers) was proposed. It was clarified that the threshold of 4% to identify MS with notifications obligation for organic prices applies to the share of the Member State in total Union production or use.

The Commission also clarified that the new market information notification provided in Annex III, part 11 of Regulation 2017/1185 refers to the number of weight of classified carcasses that are subject to price reporting according to Article 7 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1184 (for each combination of conformation and fat cover class).

The yearly notification provided in Article 25 (2a) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1182 concerns all classified animals (all possible combinations of conformation and fat cover class).

4. Next steps

As regards point 1 of the agenda - school scheme - the draft delegated regulation will be sent in inter-service consultation and, once finalised (planned by 31 March), published in the Europa website for stakeholders' feedback during four weeks (until 30 April).

The Commission will subsequently process any feedback received and include the results in the explanatory memorandum. If such feedback does not warrant changes to the text, the Commission would adopt the delegated regulation, together with the implementing regulation, in June (planning) and send it to the Council and Parliament for their scrutiny period before publication in the Official Journal and entry into force.

As regards point 2 of the agenda - market transparency - Member States will comment on the definitions proposed by the Commission by 20 March 2020. After receiving

comments, the Commission will draft technical fiches for quarters and minced meat price reporting.

5. Next meeting

Discussion on market transparency will continue in the next months during the meetings of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets or during the Expert groups scheduled for market transparency discussions on other animal species.

6. List of participants

See annex

(e-signed)

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List of participants– Minutes

Meeting of the EXPERT GROUP AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, IN PARTICULAR CONCERNING ASPECTS FALLING UNDER THE SINGLE CMO REGULATION – SECTOR ANIMAL PRODUCTS

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MEMBER STATE	Ministry or Organisation	NUMBER
BE	Flemish Government - Departement Landbouw en Visserij	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry	1
CZ	State Agricultural Intervention Fund	1
DK	Danish Agricultural Agency	1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	2
	Max Rubner Institut	1
	BLE	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
IE	Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine	1
EL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
	Permanent Representation	1
ES	Ministerio De Agricultura, Pesca Y Alimentación	2
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	2
	France AgriMer	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero politiche agricole alimentari forestali	2
CY	-	-
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1

LU	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	1
MT	Represented by Italy	-
NL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	1
AT	Agrarmarkt Austria	1
	Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	3
PT	MA-GPP	1
	MS-DGS	1
RO	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
SI	Ministry of Agriculture	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	Board of Agriculture	1