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SUMMARY RECORD

1ST MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMON ORGANISATION OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS (FRUIT & VEGETABLES)

15 JANUARY 2008

Chairman: Mr Russell MILDON

27 delegations were present

1. RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMON ORGANISATION OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

⇒VOTE – Unanimously in favour

2. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED UNDER THE PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 195(2) OF REGULATION (EC) No 1234/2007

Fruit and Vegetables

2.1 *Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for preserved mushrooms imported from third countries (AGRI C2/64100/2007 – TEN5)*

A certificate of origin is required for imports of preserved mushrooms from China under the GATT quota. These certificates were introduced in 1981 in order to ensure a fair allocation of the quota to the different supplier countries. Due to changes in the market, only China now has a country-specific allocation. The certificates of origin are therefore superfluous and should be abolished for simplification purposes.

⇒VOTE: 318 in favour; 27 abstentions

2.2 *Règlement de la Commission (CE) N°.../...du...dérogant au règlement (CE) n° 1535/2003 en ce qui concerne les périodes de livraison des poires pour la campagne 2007/2008 (AGRI.C2/64699/2007)*

Commission Regulation (EC) n° 1535/2003 provides for an aid for pears delivered to the processing industry between 15 July and 15 December. Producers were seriously affected in December 2007 when an Italian transport strike prevented deliveries to the processing industry during a very busy period. As a result, deliveries took longer to complete and the delivery timetable was overrun. To avoid producers being penalised by these circumstances, an exceptional derogation to the delivery period set out in

article 3, para 2, point (c) of the Regulation should be granted for the 2007-08 campaign, as previously done for plums in the 2003/04 campaign.

⇒ **VOTE:** Unanimously in favour

3. OTHER QUESTIONS – FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

3.1 Withdrawals

- Situation of withdrawals at 15/11/2007 for the 2006/2007 campaign
- Situation of withdrawals at 15/11/2007 for the 2007/2008 campaign

This information should be communicated by the 15th of each month at the latest.

3.2 Free Distribution

Member State views on withdrawals for free distribution; discussion on costs, possible simplification and control measures

3.3 Frequently Asked Questions

Presentation and discussion of first questions received from Member States with answers approved by Commission's Legal Service

3.4 Miscellaneous "Fruit and vegetables"

- Presentation of Draft Guidance Note on Common Performance Indicators for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Operational Programmes
- Presentation of Draft Working Document on Monitoring and Evaluation Tables for the Operational Programmes
- Request for information on WTO developments – impact on entry price system
- Problems applying new crisis prevention and management measures

Bananas

3.5 Presentation of the situation on the banana market

3.6 Miscellaneous "Bananas"

Clarification on licences for bananas imported from ACP countries, which as from 1 January 2008 are no longer required. The following text is included at the request of the German delegation.

"Die Kommission erläuterte, dass gemäß Art. 3 der VO (EG) 1528/2007 Bananen mit Ursprung in den AKP-Ländern, die im Anhang I der genannten VO aufgeführt sind, ab 1.1.2008 zollfrei in die Gemeinschaft eingeführt werden. VO (EG) 2014/2005 der Kommission sehe nur die Ausstellung von Einfuhrlizenzen für die Bananen vor, die zum Zollsatz des Gemeinsamen Zolltarifs, also derzeit 176 Euro/t, eingeführt werden. Insofern sei für die Einfuhr von Bananen mit Ursprung in den begünstigten AKP-Ländern keine Einfuhrlizenz erforderlich."

(signed)
R. Mildon
Director

Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets

List of participants: 15 January 2008

Member State	Ministry or Organism	Number of delegates
BE	Vlaamse overheid	1
	Ministère de la Région Wallonne	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Permanent representation	1
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	State Agricultural Intervention Fund	1
DK	Fødevareministeriet - DFFE	1
DE	BLE - Bonn	1
	BMELV – Berlin	2
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IE	Dept Agriculture and Food	1
EL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura Pesca y Alimentacion	2
	Min. de Comercio y Hacienda	1
	Junta de Andalucia	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	Oniflor/Viniflor	1
IT	Ministero Agricoltura	2
CY	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	2
MT	Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Environment	1
NL	Ministerie van Landbouw	1

	Produktschap Tuinbouw	1
AT	BMLFUW	1
	Agramarkt	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Agricultural Market Agency	1
PT	Ministerio da Agricultura (GPP)	1
RO	Permanent representation	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	2
SK	Ministry of Agriculture	2
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
	Agency for rural affairs	1
SE	Swedish Board	1
UK	DEFRA	2