

**SUMMARY OF THE 23th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the COMMON
ORGANISATION of the AGRICULTURAL MARKETS Sector Animal Products on
Thursday 19 June 2008**

President: Russell MILDON
All delegations were present.

PIG MEAT

1. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

1.1. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the weighting coefficients to be used in calculating the Community market price for pig carcasses for the 2008/09 marketing year.

Vote : Unanimously favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 Member States), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent & not represented: 0 (0 MS)). [For the vote the Management Committee "Pigmeat" acted as a Management Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets.](#)

1.2. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation on special conditions for granting export refunds on certain pigmeat products. [Codified version of Regulation (EC) No 2331/97]. (For the possible vote the Management Committee "Pigmeat" will act as a Management Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets).

Discussion, no vote.

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

2. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

2.1. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINION ON A DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION LAYING DOWN DETAILED RULES FOR THE APPLICATION OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1234/2007 AS REGARDS AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE USE OF CASEIN AND CASEINATES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEESES;

This draft Commission Regulation was already presented twice as a working document to the Management Committee. Instead of including certain provisions into the Regulation 1547/2006, it was recommended for legal purposes, to revise the whole Regulation 1547/2006.

The draft does not deal with cheese quality but only with the sanctions applicable in case of use of casein (the principle is that it is not acceptable).

Some important amendments are proposed:

- the current ceiling of casein in cheeses, 5% for processed, grated and raped cheeses, becomes 10% for all types of cheeses. This partial liberalisation will allow seeing if there is an interest for adding casein in cheeses. A complete liberalisation might be discussed in 2009 in an amendment of the Single CMO Regulation.
- the penalty for unauthorized use or excessive use of casein in cheeses is fixed at zero (currently the penalty is 22 €/100kg). This means that no penalty will apply as a consequence of the EU rules. MS may apply national sanctions.
- as there is no casein aid nor a penalty, controls are reduced;
- MS will not report monthly but they will keep data and supply it when required.

Vote: Absence of opinion (in favour: 219 (20 Member States), against: 70 (3 MS), abstention: 56 (4 MS), absent & not represented: 0 (0 MS)).[For the vote the Management Committee Milk and Milk Products acted as a Management Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets\)](#)

2.2. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINION ON A DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION OPENING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXPORT LICENCES FOR CHEESE TO BE EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 2009 UNDER CERTAIN GATT QUOTAS;

This draft is a technical exercise done each year in order to open the procedure.

Vote: Unanimously favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 Member States), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent & not represented: 0 (0 MS)).[\(for the vote the Management Committee Milk and Milk Products acted as a Management Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets\)](#)

2.3 EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINION ON A DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION AMENDING REGULATION (EC) NO 414/2008 OF 8 MAY 2008 LAYING DOWN DETAILED RULES FOR THE APPLICATION OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1255/1999 AS REGARDS THE GRANTING OF PRIVATE STORAGE AID FOR CERTAIN CHEESES IN THE 2008/09 STORAGE;

Romania applied for the Private Storage Aid for cheeses when it was too late to take their request into consideration. The Regulation was therefore voted without Romanian cheeses. To ensure an equal treatment with others MS, the Commission proposed an allocation for 500 T of long keeping Romanian cheeses.

Vote: Favourable opinion (in favour: 299 (24 Member States), against: 29 (1 MS), abstention: 17 (2 MS), absent & not represented: 0 (0 MS)).[\(for the vote the Management Committee Milk and Milk Products acted as a Management Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets\)](#)

Russell MILDON
Director
(signed J.J.JAFFRELOT)

N.B. The measures on which the Committee expressed an opinion are the subject of a suitable procedure for the formal adoption by the Commission

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The attendance list to be attached to the Summary

Management Committee for Common Org. of Agricultural Markets No 23

Date : 19/06/2008

Member state	Ministry or Agency	Name
BE	Ministerie v d Vlaamse Gemeenschap-dept Landbouw	2
	Ministère de la Région wallonne	1
	BIRB	1
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	2
	SFA Paying Agency	
	Permanent Representation	
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	3
	State agricultural and intervention fund	1
DK	DFFE	2
DE	Ministère de l'Agriculture(BMVEL)	2
	BLE	2
	BR (SN)	2
EE	Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia	2
IE	Dept Agriculture and Food	3
EL	Ministry of Agriculture	2
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura Pesca y Alimentacion	4
	Generalitat de Catalunya	1
	Xunta de Galicia	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	4
	Office de l'Elevage	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali	4
CY	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	CMIO	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia	2
	State agency Agricultural Data Center	
LT	Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania	2
LU	Ministère de l'Agriculture	2
HU	Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary	2
	Agricultural and Rural Development Agency	1
MT	Ministry of Rural Development and Environment	1
NL	Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Visserij	2
	Productschap Vlees en Eieren	1
	Productschap Zuivel	1
AT	Ministère de l'Agriculture (BMLFUW)	2
	Agrarmarkt Austria	1
PL	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Agriculture Market Agency of Poland	2
PT	Ministère de l'Agriculture – GPPAA	1
	Instituto Nacional de Intervenção e Garantia Agrícola (INGA)	
RO	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	APIA	
SI	Ministry of Agriculture of Slovenia	1
	Agricultural Payment Agency AAMRD	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture of Slovakia	2
	MPSR	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Agency of Rural Affairs (MAVI)	1
SE	Jordbruksdepartementet	
	Statens Jordbruksverket	1
UK	DEFRA	3