

SUMMARY
OF THE 49th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the COMMON ORGANISATION of the
AGRICULTURAL MARKETS Sector Animal Products
on Thursday 23 October 2008.

President: Russell Mildon for all the agenda points except for the Market Measures points and *Hermanus Versteijlen for the Market measures points*

All delegations were present, except Malta, absent and not represented for the Milk and Milk Products points and represented by the UK for all the other points.

BEEF AND VEAL

1. MARKET SITUATION BEEF AND VEAL

Evolution of the market prices, slaughters, consumption and trade between Member States and third countries. (Communication and interpretation of national and Community market indicators).

2. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

3. OTHER POINTS (ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED)

3.1. *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the refunds in the beef sector.*

Proposal for quarterly fixing (unit D2).

Vote : Favourable opinion (in favour: 296 (23 MS), against: 7 (1 MS:), abstention: 42 (3 MS:), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS))

3.2. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation establishing a system for the communication of information on certain supplies of beef, veal and pigmeat to the territory of the Russian Federation (Codified version Reg. (EC) No. 2584/2000)

This draft concerns a codification of Regulation (EC) No 2584/2000 as prepared by the Legal Service.

Vote : Unanimous favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS))

3.3. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation laying down detailed rules for the application in 2009 of the import tariff quotas for “baby beef” products originating in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo.

The draft regulation concerns the rules for the opening and administration of the import quota of "baby beef" for the quota year 2009. The draft text is largely based on the regulation currently in force. This draft regulation was discussed with the Member States at the single CMO in September.

Vote : Unanimous favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS))

3.4. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2008 of 11 August 2008 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat (Recast) -- [Change in name of issuing authority of Paraguay].

Paraguay has notified the Commission about the change of the competent authority in that country responsible for issuing the certificates of authenticity foreseen in Regulation (EC) No 810/2008. The latter Regulation has to be updated accordingly. This draft regulation was discussed with the Member States at the Single CMO in September.

Vote : Unanimous favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS)

3.5. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation laying down detailed rules on the implementation of the Community scales for the classification of beef, pig and sheep carcasses and the reporting of prices thereof.

This draft regulation concerns the implementing rules on carcass classification and price reporting in the beef, pig and sheep sectors. As provided in the single CMO regulation, these rules should apply as of January 2009. The draft regulation constitutes to a large extent a merger of the existing provisions in 11 different Commission acts as well as some provisions of the previous Council acts that had not been taken over in the single CMO regulation. At the same time, several of the existing rules have been clarified or simplified based on the practical experiences gained with the application of the classification and price reporting systems over the previous years.

Vote : Favourable opinion (in favour: 269 (22 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 76 (5 MS:), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS)

3.6. Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1731/2006 on special detailed rules for the application of export refunds in the case of certain preserved beef and veal products – Confirmation of vote at Single CMO on 18th September.

The draft regulation aims at simplifying the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1731/2006, in particular as regards the presentation of the meat to the customs authorities and as regards the fulfilment of export formalities. This draft regulation was already discussed and voted at the single CMO in September. However, following a question raised by the Belgian delegate during that committee and a subsequent discussion with the legal service, it is necessary to revise slightly the wording in one of the provisions. Therefore, it is necessary to ask the management committee to confirm the vote.

Vote : Unanimous favourable opinion (in favour: 345 (27 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent and not represented: 0 (0 MS)

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEEF AND VEAL

PIG MEAT

5. MARKET SITUATION PIG MEAT

Communications and interpretations of national and EU market indicators.

6. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

7. OTHER POINTS (ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED)

7.1. *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the export refunds in the pig meat sector.*

Quarterly fixation of refunds. It is proposed to keep the refunds unchanged.

Vote: Favourable opinion: in favour: 296 (23 Member States), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 49 (4 MS)

7.2. **Exchange of views on part II of the protocol in view to authorize methods for the grading of pig carcasses in Spain.**

Discussion.

7.3. **Exchange of views on part II of the protocol in view to authorize methods for the grading of pig carcasses in Denmark.**

Discussion.

7.4. **Exchange of views on part I of the protocol in view to authorize methods for the grading of pig carcasses in Germany.**

Discussion. To be continued

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PIG MEAT

SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT

9. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

10. OTHER POINTS (ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED)

10.1. **Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation opening Community tariff quotas for 2009 for sheep, goats, sheep meat and goat meat.**

The Regulation opens the Community Tariff quotas for 2009 for sheep, goats, sheepmeat and goatmeat. The draft was already presented in September to the Member States for discussion.

Vote: Unanimously favourable opinion : in favour 345 (27 Member States), against 0 (0 MS), abstention 0 (0MS)

10.2. Exchange of views on the economic consequences of the blue tongue disease for the sheep and beef sectors: Member States' delegations concerned are invited to present their assessment of the economic consequences in the short and medium term.

Several Member States took the floor and informed about the state of play of the disease in their countries, in particular as regards serotypes, mortality, morbidity, vaccination, decrease in livestock production and fertility, restrictions on transport and other aspects having an economic impact on the sector.

The vaccination campaign with Community funds was welcomed and several delegates stressed the importance of a massive vaccination at EU level as the best way to fight the disease.

Some delegates also stressed the importance of Article 44 covering also bluetongue.

The Commission's services invited the delegates to communicate in writing the information they had provided during the discussion.

POULTRY MEAT AND EGGS

11. MARKET SITUATION POULTRY MEAT AND EGGS

Communications and interpretations of national and EU market indicators.

12. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

13. OTHER POINTS (ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED)

13.1. *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the export refunds for the poultry meat sector.*

The Commission made no proposal.

13.2 *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the export refunds for the egg sector.*

The Commission made no proposal.

13.3 *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the rates for refunds applicable to eggs and eggs yolks exported as goods not listed in Annex I of the Treaty.*

The Commission made no proposal.

13.4 *Exchange of views and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation fixing the representative prices in the egg, albumins and poultry meat sector.*

Monthly fixing of the representative prices.

Vote: Unanimously favourable opinion : in favour: 345 (27 Member States), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (MS)

13.5. Exchange of views on the information document "List of National Authorities responsible for the application of Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 589/2008 (marking of eggs delivered directly to the food industry)."

13.6 Exchange of views on a questionnaire for the Application of Art. 35 to Regulation (EC) No 589/2008.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS POULTRY MEAT AND EGGS

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Unit K.1. - Internal and External Communication made a presentation on the new School Milk System campaign.

15. MARKET SITUATION MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Presentation on the EU and international market situation, prices, etc.

16. PROPOSED MEASURES ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY BE REQUESTED

17. OTHER POINTS (ON WHICH AN OPINION MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED)

17.1. *Possible opinion on a draft Regulation fixing the maximum export refund for skimmed milk powder for the 4th individual invitation to tender provided for in the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 619/2008;*

No offers received.

17.2. *Possible opinion on a draft Regulation fixing the maximum export refund for butter to certain third countries for the 4th individual invitation to tender provided for in the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 619/2008;*

The Commission proposed to refuse the offers made.

Vote : Favourable opinion (in favour: 342 (26 MS:), against: 0 (0 MS), abstention: 0 (0 MS), absent and not represented: 3 (1 MS)

17.3. *Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation fixing the export refunds on milk and milk products;*

The Commission made no proposal.

17.4. *Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation fixing the rates of refunds applicable to certain milk products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty ;*

The Commission made no proposal.

17.5. *Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2921/90 as regards the amount of the aid for the production of casein and caseinates from skimmed milk;*

The Commission made no proposal.

17.6. *Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 504/2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of the arrangements for additional import duties in the milk and milk products sector;*

Presentation of the draft. Member States are invited to send their comments to the Commission before 10/11/2008

17.7 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2005 as regards communications between the Member States and the Commission in the milk and milk products sector;

Presentation of the draft. Member States are invited to send their comments to the Commission before 10/11/2008. The Commission will present during the next Management Committee Animal Products a recast version of the proposal.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

The "blue italics"agenda points will be treated and if necessary voted in the Management Committee part chaired by M. Versteijlen, and which will normally start at 14.30.

M. Russell Mildon
Director C

M. Hermanus Versteijlen
Director D

The attendance list to be attached to the summary

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Date: 23/10/2008

Member state	Ministry or Agency	Number of people
BE	Ministerie v d Vlaamse Gemeenschap-dep. Landbouw	2
	Ministère de la Région wallonne	2
	BIRB	
BG	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	2
	Paying agency – SFA	
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic	1
	State agricultural and intervention fund	1
DK	DFFE	1
	Fodevarestyrelsen	
	Danish Classification Inspection	2
DE	Ministère de l'Agriculture(BMVEL)	2
	BLE	2
	Ministère de Finances(BMF)	
EE	Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia	2
	Estonian Agricultural Registers & Information Board	
IE	Dept Agriculture and Food	3

EL	Ministry of Rural Development & Food Permanent Representation	2
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura Pesca y Alimentacion	1
	FEGA (Fondo Español de Garantia Agraria)	1
	Xunta de Galicia Generalitat Catalunya	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	Office de l'Elevage	3
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali	4
	Ministero Attività Produttive	
CY	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	CMIO	
	Permanent Representation	
LV	Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia	2
	State agency Agricultural data centre	
LT	Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania	2
	National Paying Agency	
	Permanent Representation	
LU	Ministère de l'Agriculture	2
	Permanent Representation	
HU	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	1
	Agricultural and Rural Development Agency	
MT	Ministry of Rural Development and Environment	1
	Permanent representation	
NL	Ministerie van Landbouw	2
	Productschap Zuivel	
	Productschap Vee, Vlees en Eieren	
AT	Ministère de l'Agriculture (BMLFUW)	4
	Agrarmarkt Austria	
PL	Ministry of Agriculture	3
	Agriculture Market Agency of Poland	
	Permanent Representation	
PT	Ministère de l'Agriculture – GPPAA	1
	Instituto Nacional de Intervenção e Garantia Agrícola	
	Permanent Representation	
RO	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	APIA	
SI	Ministry of Agriculture of Slovenia	2
	Agency Agricultural market and rural development	
SK	Ministry of Agriculture of Slovakia	2
	Agricultural Paying Agency	
	Permanent Representation	
FI	Ministry of Agriculture	2
SV	Jordbruksdepartementet	1
	Statens Jordbruksverket	
UK	DEFRA	2
	RPA	