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**INVITATION / AGENDA TO THE EXPERTS GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL  
MARKETS (Single CMO – E02730) SUB-GROUP ‘BEEF CARCASS CLASSIFICATION’**

**Tuesday 12th March 2013  
from 09h.30 to 18h.00**

**to be held in Brussels**

**rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 130, room 11 A (room Gazagnes).**

CONFIRMATION OF THE FOLLOWING INTERPRETATION

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**In view of the capacity of the meeting-room, Member States are requested to limit their delegation to two representatives.**

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## AGENDA

### **Working group “Beef and sheep carcass classification”**

Tuesday 12th March 2013 from 09h.30 to 18h.00 hrs

Brussels, rue de la Loi 130, Conference room 11/A

1. Exchange of views on the results of the control visits carried out in **2012** by the Community inspection committee and the results of the monitoring visits carried out by the Commission on the application of the classification scale for carcasses of adult bovines and sheep (carcass classification and price reporting).
2. Draft programme of control visits to be carried out in 2013-2014 by the Community inspection committee on the application of the classification scale for carcasses of adult bovines.
3. Exchange of views on the sheep carcass classification controls carried out by EU Member States in **2012**: Discussion on the replies to the questionnaire.
4. Exchange of views on reporting of prices for sheep in 2012: Discussion on the replies to the questionnaire and state of play for current EU legislation (Commission Regulation No 315/2002 and Commission Regulation No 1249/2008).
5. Exchange of views on the different sheep carcass presentations used by EU Member States.
6. Exchange of views on the beef carcass classification controls carried out by EU Member States in **2012**: Discussion on the replies to the annual questionnaire.
7. Exchange of views on the minimum requirements used by Member States for carcass classification controls.
8. Exchange of views on the different beef carcass presentations, age provisions and labelling flexibility used by EU Member States.
9. Exchange of views on reporting of prices for adult bovine carcasses in 2012: Discussion on the updated replies to the questionnaire.
10. Possible exchange of views on the updated weighting coefficients for calculating average Union market prices based on the carcass classification results for **2009, 2010 and 2011/2012**.
11. Exchange of views on the latest developments regarding automatic carcass classification: Experiences with the use of licensed automatic classification machines (DK, FR, IE, UK, ES) and potential interest in other Member States.

Any other business.



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Director

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You must provide the secretaries of the meeting with the documents necessary for their reimbursement, as required by the financial rules applicable in the Commission, by letter, fax or e-mail postmarked or dated no later than 30 calendar days after the final day of the meeting. Beyond this deadline, the Commission is absolved from any obligation to reimburse travel expenses or pay any allowances. Reimbursements shall be made in euros, where appropriate at the rate of exchange applying on the day of the meeting.

All reimbursements shall be made to one and the same bank account. For government experts, reimbursements shall be paid into an account in the name of the Member State, one of its ministries or a public body.

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An additional accommodation allowance and/or daily allowance may, exceptionally, be paid if prolonging the stay would enable you to obtain a reduction in the cost of transport worth more than the amount of these allowances.

### Daily allowance

The daily allowance is a flat rate. It covers all meals and local transport (bus, tram, metro, taxi, parking, motorway tolls, etc.), as well as travel and accident insurance. It amounts to 92 € per day of meeting. If the distance between the place of departure cited in the invitation (be it your private or professional address) is 100 km or less from the place where the meeting is held, the daily allowance shall be reduced by 50%. You shall then only receive 46 € per day of meeting.

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All experts shall be entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses from the place specified in their invitation to the place of the meeting. This travel must be organised on the basis of the most appropriate means of transport and trying to benefit from the most economical travel rates.

The services in charge of reimbursements shall have the right to carry out any checks that might be needed and to request any proof from the expert required for this purpose. They shall also have the right, where it appears to be justified, to restrict reimbursement to the rates normally applied to the usual journey from the expert's place of work or residence to the meeting place. So please do be careful when organising your trip.

As a general rule, means of transport are:

- first-class rail travel for journeys less than 400 km (one way);
- economy class air travel for distances of more than 400 km. Business class is allowed for a flight of 4 hours or more without stopovers;
- private car. The travel shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the first-class rail ticket, or by default at the rate of 0.22 € per km.

Travel expenses shall be reimbursed on presentation of ORIGINAL supporting documents:

- tickets and invoices;
- in the case of online bookings, the printout of the electronic reservation;
- boarding cards for the outward journey.

The documents supplied must show the class of travel used, the time of travel and the amount paid. Taxi fares shall not be reimbursed.

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