

Questionnaire on the implementation of the Milk Package in 2015

1. Contractual relations

- 1.1. In your view, what could be potential incentives to encourage farmers to enter into joint production agreements?
- 1.2. Have there been other arrangements on contracts between farmers and processors inspired by the "Milk Package" (e.g. voluntary codes agreed between stakeholders)?
 - 1.2.1. What share of milk deliveries is approximately covered by those arrangements?
- 1.3. Any remarks / additional information.

2. Producer Organisations (POs), Associations of POs (APOs) and Interbranch Organisations (IBOs).

- 2.1. If POs have been recognised, please indicate what number of members and/or marketable production per animal species would be covered.
- 2.2. Do you see potential for POs and APOs in your Member State?
 - 2.2.1. Why / Why not?
- 2.3. What would you propose to improve the functioning of POs/APOs?
- 2.4. If applicable, what are the reasons for the insufficient implementation of POs/APOs in your Member State?
- 2.5. If IBOs have been recognised, please indicate which other stages of the supply chain besides "production" are involved: "processing" / "trade" / "retail" and whether these IBOs have a national or regional coverage.
- 2.6. Do you see potential for IBOs in your Member State?
 - 2.6.1. Why / Why not?
- 2.7. How would you improve the functioning of IBOs?
- 2.8. Any remarks / additional information.

3. Collective negotiations

- 3.1. How would you stimulate collective negotiations?
- 3.2. If appropriate, what are the reasons for insufficient implementation of collective negotiation?

3.3. Any remarks / additional information.

4. Regulation of supply for cheese with a protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication

4.1. If applicable, what would be the approximate volume for each PDO/PGI cheese covered by rules for regulation of supply?

4.2. Are you aware of any interest in your Member State for the use of the possibilities of regulating the supply of PDO/PGI cheese or have you received requests in that context?

4.3. How do you assess the effectiveness of PDO/PGI cheese rules you put in force?

4.4. Any remarks / additional information.

5. Disadvantaged regions

5.1. Please indicate what criteria you use to define "disadvantaged regions" in the context of answering to the following questions.

5.2. What is the share (in %) of milk production in disadvantaged regions compared to the total milk production in your Member State?

5.3. Is there a noticeable trend and/or change in trend in milk production and number of milk producers in disadvantaged regions over the last 3 years (please quantify)?

5.4. What was the approximate share (in %) of milk deliveries in 2015 in disadvantaged regions that was supplied by:

5.4.1. member farmers to their processing cooperative;

5.4.2. member farmers to their collecting cooperative;

5.4.3. farmers to private processors;

5.4.4. farmers under other arrangements (please specify in so far as possible).

5.5. Is there a noticeable trend or change in trend in these shares over the last 3 years?

5.6. Do you see an influence of the provisions of the Milk Package on the trends referred to in questions 5.3 and 5.5?

5.7. How many POs, APOs or IBOs that operate in disadvantaged regions have been formally recognised? Please specify the number of members and/or the marketable production per animal species.

5.8. Have there been any notifications on collective negotiations in the context of Art. 148 by POs or APOs operating in disadvantaged regions?

5.8.1. What volume of raw milk, specified per animal species, was actually

delivered under contracts negotiated by POs or APOs operating in disadvantaged regions in 2015?

5.9. Any remarks / additional information.

6. National policy decisions

6.1. Direct Payments

6.1.1. What measures has your Member State targeted to the dairy sector and disadvantaged areas respectively?:

6.1.2. What budget has been allocated to such measures (in absolute figures and in percentage of total expenditure)?

6.2. Rural Development

6.2.1. Does/do your Rural Development Programme/s provide for support for the creation of POs? If yes, what is the allocated budget?

6.2.2. Does/do your Rural Development Programme/s include a tailored thematic subprogram targeting milk?

6.2.3. What measures has your Member State targeted to the dairy sector and disadvantaged areas respectively?

6.2.4. What budget has been allocated to such measures (in absolute figures and in percentage of total expenditure)?

7. How would you improve the functioning of the Milk Package in general, notably in view of its potential prolongation beyond 2020?