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Study on

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPIRY

OF THE EU MILK QUOTA SYSTEM

QUALITY GRID

Concerning these criteria, the evaluation report is :	Unaccep- table	Poor	Satisfac -tory	Good	Excel -lent	
1. Meeting the needs : Does the study adequately						
address the information needs of the				Х		
commissioning body and fit the terms of reference?						
2. Relevant scope: Are the necessary policy						
instruments represented and is the product and				Х		
geographical coverage as well as time scope						
sufficient for the impact assessment?						
3. Defensible design : Is the applied methodology						
appropriate and adequate to ensure a clear and				Х		
credible result?						
4. Reliable data : To what extent is the selected				X		
quantitative and qualitative information adequate?						
5. Sound analysis : Is the quantitative and						
qualitative information appropriately and				X		
systematically analysed and have the respective						
tasks been correctly fulfilled?						
6. Validity of the conclusions: Does the report						
provide clear conclusions? Are the conclusions				X		
based on credible information?						
7. Clearly reported: Does the report clearly assess						
the effects of the expiry of the EU milk quota				X		
system and is the reporting comprehensible?						
Taking into account the contextual constraints						
of the study, the overall quality rating of the				X		
report is:						

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JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EVALUATION

1. Meeting the needs: the study adequately address the information needs of the commissioning body and is in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.

2. Relevant scope: the policy instruments, product and geographical coverage as well as timeframe are in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.

3. Defensible design: the applied methodology is appropriate and adequate to provide useful results with relation to the objectives.

4. Reliable data: the qualitative and quantitative data used in the exercise are transparent and well documented. Even if some concerns remained as regards particular assumptions (notably on marginal cost estimates), a clear justification has been provided on the choice of methods and/or data used for the impact assessment.

5. Sound analysis: the analysis has been performed according to requirements set out in the terms of reference. Keeping in mind that the simulations provide a broad set of results, the quantitative and qualitative information subject to analysis had to be reduced to the 'relevant' extent. This was achieved while fulfilling the necessary tasks set out in the terms of reference, resulting in a clear and comprehensive analysis.

6. Validity of the conclusions: the conclusions are based on simulated results which have been deemed feasible, even if for some particular results concerns remain.

7. Clearly reported: the report provides a clear assessment of the effects of the expiry of the EU milk quota system and considerable effort has been made to make the reporting comprehensible for a broader audience.

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