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Meeting of the « WORKING GROUP ON "PIG MEAT"
OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON "ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Date: 09/10/2017

Chair: Commission – Raluca RUSU (DG AGRI.G.3)

Present: BE, CZ, DK, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, HR, IE, IT, LT, HU, AT, PL, PT, RO, FI, SE, UK - as well as an observer from UECEBV (J.L. Meriaux) and one from Copa Cogeca (D. Azevedo), M. Nikiel-Lambert (EC DG AGRI.G.3.)

1. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public.

2. List of points discussed

- a) **Pig production** in 2018 is expected to increase compared to 2017. High pig prices in the 2nd half of 2016/first half of 2017 encouraged restocking of herds. This is also confirmed by the May/June Livestock Survey results which shows an increase in the breeding herd of 1.2% (June 2016 vs. June 2017) and 1.1% (Dec 2016 vs June 2017).
- b) **Prices** are expected to decrease in 2018, but they should maintain a level which is above the 2016 levels (with the exception of Q4: prices are forecast at a level under the levels seen in Q4 both in 2016 and forecast for 2017). In the first half of 2017 prices have been supported by a reduced supply and a reasonable pace of exports. In the second half of 2017, prices are influenced by huge decreases in US and CAN prices, as well as more supplies on both the EU and US&CAN markets at a moment when the Chinese demand is decreasing.
- c) **Consumption** is reported to be lower in fresh pig meat, but increasing in processed products (**ES, BE, IT, PL, UK**). A factor that has affected in general pig meat consumption in EU in the first half of 2017 has been reduced supply and high prices.
- d) **Exports: despite a decrease in demand from China**, the EU still exports very good volumes. There is nevertheless more competition coming from the USA, BRA and CAN, at much lower prices. There is one factor of concern when it

comes to exports: **African Swine Fever** and its potential destabilising impact on the EU pigmeat market in case the disease further spreads.

3. List of participants - Annex

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List of participants– Minutes

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