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MINUTES

Meeting of the Working Group on “Pig Meat” of the Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products

Monday 12 April 2021 from 14:30 to 17:30

Chair: Kai SPRENGER, AGRI G3

Delegations present: all Member States were represented, except for Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherlands, Slovakia,

1. Approval of the agenda

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public and held electronically.

3. List of points discussed

(1) EU pigmeat market situation

The Commission provided a presentation on the evolution of production, market prices, and trade in the Union and third countries and on the general state of play of the pigmeat market situation in the Union.

(2) GIRA's presentation on the global pigmeat market

The GIRA's representative, Mr R. Brown, presented the organisation's outlook on the global pigmeat market situation with a particular emphasis on the Covid-19 and ASF impact.

(3) 2021 pigmeat production and price forecast (on the basis of information received from the experts of the Working Group)

The experts of the Working Group provided information on the market situation and forecasts for 2021 for their respective Member States.

Conclusions/recommendations/opinions

Experts assessed that EU pigmeat production in heads would slightly increase in 2021 by 0.9%. This is in line with Eurostat GIP (gross indigenous production) data that project an increase of 0.6%. Pig carcass prices are expected to further strengthen until the 3rd quarter of 2021 and decline again in the 4th quarter. The evolution of feed costs will have an important impact on farmers' profitability.

Economic developments related to Covid-19 and African Swine Fever in certain EU Member States will continue to influence the market situation in 2021.

4. Next steps

The conclusions of the Working Group will be reported to the Civil Dialog Group on pigmeat of 30 April 2021.

5. Next meeting

To be determined.

6. List of participants

Annexed to these minutes.

Brigitte MISONNE
Head of Unit

List of participants– Minutes

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	MEMBER ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
1	European farmers (COPA); Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, observer	17
2	European Liaison Committee for Agriculture and Agri-food trade (CELCAA), Poland	1
3	GIRA (speaker)	1