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MINUTES

of the Meeting of the « WORKING GROUP ON " SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT "
OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON "ANIMAL PRODUCTS"

Date: 01 June 2021

Chair: European Commission

Delegations present: all Organisations were present, except for CELCAA. (experts missing from BG, HR, CY, NL, LV, SE and SK).

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public.

3. List of points discussed

(1) Presentation of the sheep and goat market situation

The market situation in the EU sheep and goat sectors was presented with a distinctive emphasis on the evolution of the livestock population, slaughter levels and lamb prices. Besides, EU import and export flows on meat and live animals were analysed. Currently, tight supply and reduced trade volumes are supporting firm world lamb prices.

Data provided by experts from the most relevant sheep and goat producing Member States indicate continuing stability in the number of heads and meat production during 2021 and a positive price outlook.

(2) GIRA's presentation

UK sheep evolution in livestock numbers, production, market prices, trade and consumption were analysed with a particular reference to the uncertainty of the sector following Brexit. Also, the current poor dynamics on the wool market was highlighted.

(3) EU sheep and goat meat market for 2021 (herd, production, consumption and other factors on the basis of information received from the experts of the Working Group) in the European Union.

Experts from AT, BE, DE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, PT, RO and PL presented their analysis on the evolution of their domestic markets for sheep and goats. In general, they showed a positive evolution of the sector after Spring 2020 following the severe market difficulties due to the COVID pandemic.

Experts from BG, NL, HR, LV, SE and SK did not participate in this exchange. With regard to NL, HR, SK and PL, they had not provided market data following the standard questionnaire sent well ahead of the meeting.

4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions

There was an appeal from the chair for timely delivery of the completed questionnaires to allow for a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of the sector.

Experts not in a position to supply the relevant market information should be replaced.

5. Next steps

The results of the working group will be presented at the next Civil Dialogue Group on Sheep and Goats on 18th June 2021.

6. Next meeting

The next formal meeting of the working group will take place in spring 2022, market data will be collected via the standard questionnaire in autumn 2021.

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List of participants– Minutes
Meeting of the **WORKING GROUP ON SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT**
Date: 01/06/2021

	MEMBER ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS
1	COPA-COGECA	15 (14 PARTICIPANTS + 1 OBSERVER)
2	CELCAA	0
4	GIRA	1