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**Study on**  
**ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE REGIONAL IMPACT OF THE EXPIRY**  
**OF THE EU MILK QUOTA SYSTEM**

**QUALITY GRID**

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

## JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EVALUATION

<p><b>1. Meeting the needs:</b> the study addresses the information needs of the commissioning body and is in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.</p>
<p><b>2. Relevant scope:</b> the policy instruments, product and geographical coverage as well as timeframe are in line with the criteria set out in the terms of reference.</p>
<p><b>3. Defensible design:</b> the model used for the analysis is adequate to provide useful results with relation to the objectives. On the other hand, a number of concerns remain as regards the methodology used to establish the underlying reference scenario used as a basis for the impact assessment.</p>
<p><b>4. Reliable data:</b> the qualitative and quantitative data used in the exercise are transparent and documented. However, certain concerns remain with regard to the consistency of quota rent, supply elasticity estimates and the CAPRI model behaviour in the baseline and simulation runs.</p>
<p><b>5. Sound analysis:</b> the analysis has been performed according to requirements set out in the terms of reference. Keeping in mind that the achieved model update was a complex technical undertaking and 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.</p>
<p><b>6. Validity of the conclusions:</b> the conclusions are based on simulated results which have been deemed feasible, even if some concerns remain for some particular results.</p>
<p><b>7. Clearly reported:</b> the report provides a satisfactory 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.</p>

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