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

Date: 23 10 2017

Chair: Commission

Experts from DE, IE, EL, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LV, PL, PT, RO, SK, SE

Others; UECBV, GIRA

1. **Nature of the meeting**

The meeting was non-public.

2. **List of points discussed**

EU market situation for sheep and goats. Outlook for world market. Sheepmeat importing countries: China, Middle East and North-Africa

Discussion on data provided by experts on their domestic markets

3. **Conclusions/recommendations/opinions**

Livestock numbers and production have been increasing for sheep but not for goats during 2017. Imports are decreasing mainly from New Zealand whereas exports are improving. This is particularly true for trade in live animals to the Middle East and North-Africa. Stabilisation of prices and production are expected for sheep and goats during 2018.

4. **Next steps**

Update of weighing coefficients for weekly price reporting taking into account different lamb categories slaughtered in the Member States.

5. **List of participants - Annex**

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