



Structure and Functioning of the Sugar Market Observatory

Kick-off meeting 11 July 2017

Head of Unit G.4



Two main elements

- *An Economic Board composed by representatives of stakeholder organisations in the sugar supply chain (including isoglucose)*
- *A dedicated website, updated regularly and including all market data to be disseminated*



The website contains

...data on production, prices, trade flows for the EU and, where possible, for the main exporting and importing regions of the world

...the reports and presentations of the Market Observatory

...files containing market information that will be updated on a regular basis



The Economic Board, the market experts

...contribute to and share understanding of market developments and their grounds, while avoiding political posturing

...help assess elements, like internal consumption, for which market transparency is limited

... contribute to a good understanding of international markets, in particular trade flows and stock information at world level



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Rules of Procedures (1/3)

- *Meetings chaired by representative of DG AGRI, in principle Mr Jens Schaps, Director "Markets and Observatories"*
- *Experts represent Member Organisation, replacement is possible if the alternate expert fulfils the required criteria*

Rules of Procedures (2/3)

- *Chair convenes meetings, two regular meetings per year unless a particular market situation requires more frequent meetings*
- *Invitation and agenda sent not later than 14 calendar days before meeting, unless in urgent or exceptional cases*
- *Opinion adopted by consensus in principle*

Rules of Procedures (3/3)

- *Possibility to set up sub-groups*
- *Ad-hoc invitation of experts with specific expertise*
- *Observers (Organisations and Individuals) can be invited. Observers have no voting rights and shall not participate in the formulation of recommendations*
- *Transparency: publication of member organisations (and their experts unless specific cases of derogation), all relevant documents are published*