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AGENDA

«CDG ARABLE CROPS – SUGAR/STARCH SECTORS »

**in Brussels, rue de la Loi 130
11th floor**

**Meeting room: A
on Friday 15 September 2017, from 09:30 to 17:30**

Morning Session – Sugar

1. Approval of the report of the last meeting of 2 June 2017.
2. Approval of the draft agenda.
3. Elections of the Chair and the Vice chairs
4. Opinion of the Group on the situation and prospects for the world market for EU sugar exports.
5. Presentation by the Commission on the updated sugar and isoglucose 2016/17 balance–sheet and exchange of views on 2017/18 sowings and production, including:
 - a. update on use of travail à façon in 2016/17
 - b. update and prospects concerning voluntary coupled support in the sugar sector.
6. Report by the Commission on the kick-off meeting of the Sugar Market Observatory on 11 July, including Commission initiatives to ensure greater transparency and timely provision of market data.
7. Information by the Commission on the progress towards adoption of:
 - a. the Single CMO delegated and implementing regulations post-quotas
 - b. the rules for the management system of tariff rate quotas subject to licences
 - c. procedures under the Union Customs Code regarding:
 - i. end-use in respect of sugar imported for refining;
 - ii. electronic documents; and
 - iii. harmonization of customs procedures relating to imports, exports and IPR in all member states.

8. Trade related issues
 - a. The use and possible abuse of safeguard measures by third countries, notably in the MENA region;
 - b. FTA negotiations;
 - c. Preparation of WTO Ministerial in Buenos Aires; and
9. Brexit and trade related issues **for sugar and starch.**

Afternoon session - Starch

1. Market situation
2. State of play of OMNIBUS regulation
3. Introduction to a new Starch Europe's initiative: www.starchinfood.eu
4. Trade related issues (*to be confirmed*)
 - a. China: anti-subsidy duty on potato starch conclusion and anti-dumping review on the same products scheduled for February 2018
 - b. Japan FTA: statement of Starch Europe, information from the Commission on finalisation timeline
 - c. Mercosur: e.g. separated treatment of sensitive Non-Annex I starch products
5. Environment issues (*to be confirmed*)
 - d. LULUCF & effort sharing
 - e. Bioeconomy strategy review
 - f. Plastics strategy
6. Information on the results of the JRC Study concerning the best practice on the coexistence of GM potato with conventional and organic farming
7. Phyto: ban of neonics on potato, hydrazine maleique, diquat authorization
8. AOB

Please send us your AOB questions in due time before the meeting (e-mail: AGRI-MARKET-CDG@ec.europa.eu).

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