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## MINUTES

### *Meeting of the Meeting of the “WORKING GROUP ON BEEF AND VEAL” OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON ANIMAL PRODUCTS*

*29 March 2021*

Chair: Mr. K. Kroon, Market Officer AGRI.G3

Delegations present: All Organisations were present except CELCAA.

#### **1. Approval of the agenda**

No AOB points raised by participants.

#### **2. Nature of the meeting**

The meeting was non-public electronically held meeting.

#### **3. List of points discussed** [Name of each point, one by one]

##### (1) EU beef and veal market situation

The Commission provided a presentation on the evolution of market prices, production and trade in the Union and third countries and on the general state of play of the beef and veal market situation in the Union.

##### (2) GIRA's presentation on evolution of worldwide beef markets

The GIRA's representative Mr R. Claxton gave a presentation on the evolution of worldwide beef markets with the particular emphasis on Covid-19 impact on meat markets.

##### (3) 2021 beef and veal production and price forecast (on the basis of information received from the experts of the Working Group)

The experts of the Working Group provided information on the market situation and forecasts for 2021 and 2022 for their respective Member States.

#### **4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions**

The experts concluded that, for the EU, beef production in volumes would decline further by -2.03% in 2021 due to the Covid-19 impact. This decline would be followed by a market stabilisation with a subsequent minor drop by -0.22% in 2022. These reductions of EU production and low demand in foodservices and tourism due to the Covid-19 restrictions are leading firstly to decline in consumption in volumes of -0.73% in 2021. In 2022, consumption is forecasted for a slight increase by +0.25%. The expert's estimated decline in consumption in 2021 is a little less than the estimations given by the Commission's 30 March published short-term outlook (-1%). The expert's forecast for the beef production decline exceeds the Commission short-term estimation by 1.13%.

Price for references beef (adult male bovines) would not react to such decrease in supply and would be expected to strengthen by +4.57% in 2021 and +0.62% in 2022. Cow's carcass price is also expected to raise by +4.42% in 2021 and +0.95% in 2022.

The figures reflect that despite a possible favourable evolution on the supply/demand balance from the supply side, the economic developments around the Covid-19, the F2F Strategy and post-Brexit arrangements, the shrinking internal demand and the weakened demand from some important external markets do not allow to have an optimistic forecast about the market situation.

#### **5. Next steps**

The conclusions of the Working Group will be reported to the Civil Dialog Group on beef and veal at its next meeting on 19 April 2021.

#### **6. Next meeting**

To be determined.

#### **7. List of participants**

List of participants is annexed to these minutes.

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List of participants– Minutes

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	MEMBER ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES
1	COPA-COGECA	14
2	European Liaison Committee for Agriculture and agri-food trade (CELCAA)	-----
3	FoodDrink	1
4	GIRA Food (ad-hoc expert)	1
5	European farmers (COPA) - Observer	1
	<i>TOTAL</i>	17