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Meeting of the Working Group on "Beef & Veal" of the Civil Dialogue Group on "Animal Products"

Date: 11 March 2019

Chair: Mr Joaquim Ordeig Vila, Market Officer AGRI-G-3.

Organisations present: CELCAA, COPA and FoodDrinkEurope.

1. Approval of the agenda (and of the minutes of previous meeting¹)

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public.

3. List of points discussed

(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) 2019 beef and veal production and price forecast

The experts of the Working Group provided information on the market situation and forecasts for 2019 and 2020 for their respective Member States of origin.

4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions

The experts concluded that, for the EU27, beef production would decline by -1.96% in 2019 and by -0.84% in 2020 leading to declines in consumption of -0.39% in 2019 and -0.15% in 2020.

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¹ If not adopted by written procedure (CIRCABC)

Prices would not react to such decrease in supply and would decline by -0.33% in 2019 and -0.16% in 2020.

The figures reflect that despite a possible favourable evolution on the supply/demand balance from the supply side, the uncertainties linked to Brexit, the shrinking internal demand and the weakened demand from some important external markets (Turkey) 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.

6. Next meeting

To be determined

7. List of participants - Annex

(e-signed) Luis Carazo Jimenez Head of Unit

List of participants- Minutes

Working Group on "Beef and Veal" $\,$

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