

## **MINUTES OF THE COPA-COGECA WORKING PARTY MEETING ON POULTRY AND EGGS HELD ON 15.10.2013**

### **PRESENT:**

Schaeffer (Chair), Bourns (Vice-Chair), Johnston, Wells, Ford, Bagnara, Gagliardi, Biasucci, Comati, Sanfrancesco, Quadro, Lima, Mira, Basto, Zubków, Lós, Kicinski, Verset Kovalcuks, Granados, Manninen, Coyle, Watson, Loggie, Endrodi, Hermet, Mohan, Laxaback, Larsen, Matousek, Börger, Spieker, Hubers, Guégan, Fernandez, Marinov, Machander, Collado,

**SECRETARIAT:** Benites, Valle, Di Rubbo, Azevedo.

### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:**

#### **Item 1: Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting**

→ The two documents were approved.

#### **Items 2: Latest information on the market situation & Feed Market update**

→ The Secretariat presented the summary of market situation provided by the Forecast Working meeting. This was followed by a roundtable.

#### **Item 3: New CMO – Public funds and case of crisis**

→ The Secretariat briefed on the (provisional) implementing rules for public funds and case of crisis for poultry and eggs under the future single CMO - NEN(13)7296

#### **Item 4: Promotion of poultrymeat and eggs**

→ Mr. Philippe Tabary (DG AGRI) presented the current promotion regulation (reg. 3/2008) - Budget €50 Million (50% EU, 20% Member State and 30% other organisations).

→ Ms. Benites presented the questionnaire "harmonization of sectoral demands in the context of the revision of the European promotion policy for agricultural products" - PPA(13)6814. This document aims to define the priorities and the strategy of the sector in terms of promotion for the next years. The WP was invited to send contributions to the Secretariat, **by 30 October 2013**. Following this consultation, a first draft response will be prepared and approved by the WP by written consultation. This document will then be forwarded to the WP on Promotion that will meet in January 2014 to coordinate the sectoral demands in terms of promotion in the context of the reform of the European promotion policy.

→ Exchange of views concerning the priorities in terms of promotion for both sectors: The consumer/industry shall be aware of the work done by the sector, in terms of high standards of food safety, environment, animal health and welfare and the additional costs that are associated with these high standards. We would like to see promotion of the nutritional benefits of poultry meat and eggs, and information on how properly handling of the products and preventions of risks. Concerning poultry, third country markets are becoming increasingly more important in economic terms for the sector due to a significant market development. To find markets for EU eggs and egg products on specific niches and high purchase power markets/high value-added markets should be a priority.

#### **Item 5 & 6: Revision of the marketing standards for poultry meat and eggs**

→ The Chair informed that the Commission is planning to align the marketing standards to the Treaty of Lisbon. This will be a technical procedure and no substantial changes are foreseen.

#### **Item 7: Free Trade Agreement EU-USA (TTIP)**

➔ The Secretariat presented the preliminary study of impact assessment carried out – BILAT(13) 6995:1 – The WP decided to present this preliminary results at the following meeting of the advisory group. The WP agreed that is important to underline the animal welfare and health issues and the cumulative effect of concessions on market access of the several and different Free Trade Agreements.

#### **Item 8: Origin labelling state of play**

➔ The Secretariat informed on the last developments concerning the draft proposal regards the indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine and the lobbying actions taken by the Secretariat and Mr. Bourns informed on the initiative “Red Tractor” from the UK.

#### **Item 9: Approval: Updated version of the code of recommendation on rabbit**

➔ The approval of the code of recommendation was postpone to the next meeting. Mr. Marinov will update the current version of the guide following the comments and contributions received from the WP. The Chair informed that environmental NGOs have a very radical position against the use of cages and clarified that this guide will be voluntary.

#### **Item 10: State of Play on Industrial Emission Directive: Draft 2 of the IRPP - BREF**

➔ Mr. Bourns informed that the European IPPC Bureau (JRC) is revising the IED (Industrial Emissions Directive) Best Available Techniques Reference (BREF) draft document for intensive rearing of pigs and poultry. The second working draft of this revised BREF was sent for consultation to the members of the Technical Working Group (TWG). The Secretariat has prepared a draft contribution - VP(13)6975:1 and VP(13)6976:1 - that was approved by the WP. The Chair concluded by informing on the provisional timetable and calling the attention of the WP for the importance of this issue and the future implications for the sector.

#### **Item 11: State of Play on Processed Animal Proteins (PAPs)**

➔ The Secretariat informed that the validation of the necessary laboratory tests is (provisionally) expected by Summer 2014. Following the validations of the tests the Commission might decide to come out with a proposal to be discussed in SCOFCAH already in October/November 2014. The text shall then be sent out to the European Parliament for scrutiny (3 months as foreseen by the EU regulatory procedure with scrutiny). The text should then be published at the EU official Journal (+6months). In a very optimistic scenario, it will however only apply from August/September 2015. The WP suggested that the Commission should be reminded of the size of this export market – around half billion euros – for this product. Currently, the EU imports Millions of Euros of vegetables proteins.

#### **Item 12: Future of the advisory groups**

➔ The Chair informed that the Commission is reviewing the DG AGRI advisory groups in order to respond to the call of the European Parliament aiming to increase transparency and balance to the expert groups. The plan aims to reduce the number of Advisory Groups from its current 30 to 6-8, 9-11 or 12-14. Commission justification to this drastic measure is also to reflect changes in management committee structures in reference to Single CMO. The final proposal is expected to be published by the end of 2013.

➔ COPA-COGECA has sent a letter - CC(13)5850 - to the Commission services (CC(13)5850) expressing major concerns on the Commission plan. The WP approved the proposal of the vice-chair to address a letter to Mr. Plewa signed by the Chairmanship of the advisory group and underlining the importance of the Advisory Group on Poultry and Eggs.

#### **Item 13: Follow up on EU Animal Health Regulation and Official Controls**

➔ Mr Di Rubbo from the Secretariat provided information on the recent developments on Animal Health Law and Official Controls. The final vote in plenary is expected by the end of the year.

#### **Item 14: AOB**

➔ none