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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture
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Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meeting of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and the meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion on 12th and 13th February 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion** will be held on **13th February 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** [AQA\(15\)73 \(rev.1\)](#)

On behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party, Mr Olivier De Carné, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the **Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture**, which will be held on:

**12th February 2015 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
 61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

Please **complete and return the enclosed attendance form** to the Secretariat **by 12:00 p.m. on 30th January 2015 at the latest**, so that we can inform the Commission's services in time.

Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their participation form within the indicated deadline will not be taken into account when establishing the Copa-Cogeca delegation** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting. Copa-Cogeca has **8 reimbursed seats to be allocated in accordance with the draft table on the indicative participation of Copa-Cogeca representatives in DG AGRI's Civil Dialogue Groups in 2014 CAT(14)7050 (rev.1)**. **Since this CDG meeting is entirely devoted to Quality the representatives will be extracted from the specific line on quality.** During the CDG Quality and Promotion meeting the Commission plans to allocate enough time for debate on the simplification of the EU Quality Policy. Considering the importance of this debate for the wine sector, **one seat will be allocated to the Chairmanship of the Wine Working Party.**

Please note that **the Commission will not allocate observer seats under this new system.**

You will be informed of the detailed composition of the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 3rd February 2015.**

Please regularly check the Quality and Promotion sections on Agri Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

Javier Valle

Draft agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(15\)162 \(rev.1\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (20/11/2014) and Civil Dialogue Group (21/11/2014)
3. Discussion on the possibility for further simplification in the area of quality policy
4. Implementation of Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers:
 - Update and discussion on the implementation of voluntary origin labelling of foods (Art. 26.3)
 - Presentation of the Study on unprocessed foods, single ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food (Art. 26.5)
 - Presentation of the Study on the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance of other meats, milk and milk used as an ingredient in dairy products (Art. 26.5)
5. Geographical indication protection for non-agricultural products at EU level
 - Outcome of the Conference, results of the Public Consultation and discussion on the next steps
6. Presentation and state of play of the Commission's proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 on the Community trade mark
7. State of play of the discussions on the European Commission's proposal on official controls and the link to quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs
8. Food fraud: ongoing initiatives
9. AOB