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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat
COPY:	National offices Coordinators of the new Copa-Cogeca member organisations
FROM:	<i>Daniel Azevedo</i>
DATE:	10.03.2015

Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat and the Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat on 13th and 14th April 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat** will be held on **14th April 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** ([VP\(15\)1549 \(rev.1\)](#)).

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Antonio Tavares, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Pigmeat, which will be held on:

13th April from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat,
 61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels.

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by noon on Friday 27th March 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 form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 31st March 2015.**

Please regularly check the Pigmeat section 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.

Best wishes,

Daniel Azevedo

¹ Copa-Cogeca has 16 seats in the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat**

Draft agenda

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Election of the Chairmanship of the Working Party
3. Discussion on the functioning of the CDG on Animal Products (strategic agenda, forecast groups, working methods, etc.)
4. Market prospects – latest information and exchange of views on the market situation for pigmeat and the feed market
 - Managing the pigmeat market (APS, state of play)
 - Approval of new GMOs for animal feed
5. Exchange of views on veterinary issues
 - The animal health situation in the Baltic States and Poland
 - Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea virus (PED) in North America and Europe, and preventative measures
 - Information on the EIP AGRI's focus group and the conference on biosecurity
6. Alternative markets and trade updates
 - The impact of import restrictions imposed by third countries following outbreaks of ASF
 - Market access and SPS barriers, notably in Mexico and South America
 - State of play of trade negotiations (TTIP, Japan, etc.)
7. Update on the new promotion policy
8. Animal welfare
 - State of play of the guidelines on enrichment material and tail biting
 - Conclusions of the conference on pig castration held on 26th February 2015
 - Update on Germany's "Initiative Tierwohl" on animal welfare
9. Enforcement of Regulation (EU) No 1337/2013 (country of origin labelling for pigmeat) and the European Commission's report on country of origin labelling for meat as an ingredient. State of play of discussions in the EP and Council of Ministers
10. Update on the draft model document on food chain information for slaughter pigs
11. Situation concerning the Commission's proposals on veterinary medicinal products and on medicated feed
12. Status of ongoing EU debates on the Commission's proposals on animal health and official controls
13. AOB
 - a) Main conclusions of the final meeting of the technical working group on revising the BREF on the intensive rearing of pigs and poultry
 - b) Simplification and reduction of administrative burdens for carcass classification and price reporting in the pigmeat sector – state of play

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ATTENDANCE FORM
PLEASE RETURN TO MARIE VAN STEEN
BY 27TH MARCH 2015 (NOON at the latest)
BY E-MAIL: Commodities.Trade@copa-cogeca.eu
AND/OR BY FAX: 00.32.22.87.27.00

WORKING PARTY ON PIGMEAT
13/04/2015 * 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

☐ am able to attend ☐ am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

☐ French ☐ English ☐ German ☐ Italian ☐ Spanish ☐ Polish

CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON ANIMAL PRODUCTS
SECTOR PIGMEAT

14/04/2015 * 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

☐ would like to participate as a reimbursed expert²

NB: The Copa-Cogeca Secretariat will inform you of the composition of the Copa-Cogeca delegation that will participate in the Civil Dialogue Group **8 working days before the meeting is held**. Those members of the Working Party who do not complete and return their forms before the deadline will not be taken into account when composing the Copa-Cogeca delegation.

² In accordance with the rules and criteria laid down by Copa-Cogeca in document [PR(04)72F1]/P(04)166F1]