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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Beef and Veal
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Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Beef and Veal and the Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products - Beefmeat on 27 and 28 April 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products - Beefmeat will be held on 28 April 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m**

On behalf of the **Chairman, Mr Jean-Pierre Fleury**, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Beef and Veal which will be held on:

27 April from 2:30 p.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 12 April 2016 at the latest** so 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 14 April 2016**

Please regularly check the "Beef and veal" 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 regards,

Camelia Gyorffy

¹ COPA-COGECA has 16 seats in the **Civil Dialogue Group "Animal Products"**.

Draft Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda and of the Minutes of the previous meeting

2. Preparation of the CDG Animal Products – Beef and Veal which will take place on 28th April, 9.30-18.00

- a. Market situation and perspectives (outcomes of the Forecast Group on Beef), including
 - COM package of measures to address the difficult market situation in the markets, with a particular focus on the beef sector including the state of play on the beef market observatory, following the COM AGRI debate on 7th March and the Agriculture Council of Ministers of 14th March
 - Short-term outlook for the beef and veal sector in the EU
- b. State of play on the simplification and reduction of administrative burden for beef carcass classification and exchange of views;
- c. Presentation of the antitrust guidelines in the agricultural sector (art. 170 of CMO) and exchange of views;
- d. Presentation of the report on the evaluation of the beef meat labelling – state of play and exchange of views;
- e. Revision of the marketing standards applicable in the beef and veal sector, including a possible revision of the sales descriptions (veal denomination) laid down in Part I of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and exchange of views;
- f. The competitiveness of the European beef and, more specifically, the suckler cow sector
 - state of play on SPS barriers (BSE) on new emerging markets (such as TTIP, Mercosur, Chine...)
 - study of the Institut de l'Élevage on the competitiveness of the European suckler cow sector (external speaker)
- g. State of play of the animal health situation (bluetongue) in the EU and exchange of views (including on the animal movement provisions in the current legislation)
- h. Information on the relation between the price paid and the colour (more or less pale) of veal meat – request from EEB
- i. Information on the European beef and veal production systems regarding their various relations to grassland and ecosystemic services including biodiversity – request from EEB

3. Points outside the agenda of the CDG

- a. Presentation of the main aspects of the new promotion policy;
- b. State of play on the origin labelling for meat used as an ingredient
- c. Information on Copa and Cogeca reflection on carcass decontamination
- d. Information on the new strategy for animal welfare and the future platform on animal welfare
- e. Information on the food chain initiative
- f. (possible) Export of ruminant PAP (processed animal protein)

4. AOB.