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<b>TO:</b>	<b>Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat</b>
<b>COPY:</b>	<b>National offices Coordinators of the new Copa-Cogeca Member Organisations</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<i>Daniel Azevedo</i>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>02.04.2014</b>

**Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party and the Advisory Group on Pigmeat on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on pigmeat** will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from 9:30 to 17:30** [VP\(14\)2275 \(rev.1\)](#)

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:

**6<sup>th</sup> May from 14:30 to 18:00**  
**at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat**  
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014, noon 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 delegation<sup>1</sup>** that will attend the Advisory Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.**

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 regards,

*Daniel Azevedo*

<sup>1</sup> COPA-COGECA has 18 seats in the Advisory Group, which will be allocated in accordance with document [PR(04)72F1]/[P(04)166F1], which was approved by the COPA and COGECA Praesidia on 6 and 14 May 2004.

**Meeting on guidelines for assessing fitness for transport of pigs<sup>2</sup>.**

11:00 – 12:30 Discussion and selection of illustrations, concerning the guide to assess the fitness to transport pigs.

**Working party 14:30 to 18:00**

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
  2. Election of the Copa-Cogeca's candidate for the position of Vice-Chair of the Advisory Group
  3. Exchange of views on the recent outbreak of African Swine in Poland and Lithuania and Trade restrictions imposed by third countries.
  4. Internal Market - Latest information on the market situation for pigmeat and feed market
  5. Development and Trade
    - FTA EU - USA: State of play and exchange of views on communication of the results of the preliminary impact assessment
    - FTA EU- CANADA: state of play and exchange of views on the management of TRQs
    - FTA EU- Mercosur: State of Play
    - FTA EU – Japan and other ASEAN countries: State of Play
  6. Exchange of views on the main priorities of the WP on the reform of the promotion policy
  7. Welfare
    - Implementation of Directive 2008/120/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs
      - a) Exchange of views on the draft guidelines prepared by the Commission on the provision of manipulable material and tail docking
      - b) Exchange of views and approval of the report prepared by the Copa-Cogeca expert group on manipulable material and tail docking
    - Pig Castration - State of play on the activities of the expert group on alternatives to surgical castration of pigs
    - EU guide for assessing fitness for transport of pigs – state of play
  8. State of play of the ongoing EU debate on the Commission's proposals on Animal Health and Official Controls
  9. Follow up on Labelling of origin
  10. Information on the Future of advisory groups
  11. AOB
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<sup>2</sup> Languages available for the meeting on guidelines for assessing fitness for transport of pigs: EN and FR