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Highlights

Dutch Agriculture Minister to present EU Presidency priorities



Martijn van Dam, Minister for Agriculture of the Netherlands, will present and debate with AGRI Members on 11 January at 15.00 the priorities of the Dutch Presidency of the EU Council of the European Union for the first semester of 2016. Legislative files on the table include the organic farming and medicated feed regulations. Simplification and preparation of the future CAP after 2020, the market situation especially in the dairy and pig sectors, the extended Russian import ban, as well as the TTIP, WTO and other international negotiations are also expected to be addressed.

Votes

Trilogue agreements on school schemes and on animal breeding



The Committee will vote at 16.00 on the results of the inter-institutional negotiations on the scheme for supplying fruit and milk in schools and on the zotechnical files. Compromise on both legislative files have been found in December with the out-going Luxembourg Presidency and need to be formally approved by the AGRI Committee, the full Parliament and the Council in order to conclude first-reading agreements. The consolidated compromises will be put to vote in the form of single votes.



Emergency trade measures for Tunisia: adoption of AGRI opinion



AGRI will adopt its opinion on the Commission proposal for emergency trade measures for Tunisia. 54 amendments have been tabled to Clara Aguilera's (S&D, ES) draft opinion. The Commission proposal provides for the opening of a temporary, additional 2 year tariff-free quota of 35 000 tonnes for export of olive oil from Tunisia to the EU in order to help Tunisia to offset economic losses after the terrorist attacks of 26 June 2015 in Sousse.

Work in progress

Enhancing innovation in farm management : draft report presentation



Jan Huitema (ADLE, NL) will present his draft own-initiative report on the importance of enhanced innovation and economic development for EU farm management and the farming sector as a whole. He believes that innovative farming practices have over decades significantly contributed to the development of European agriculture.

Cohesion policy in mountainous regions of the EU



Members will consider the draft opinion to be presented at this meeting by the rapporteur for opinion Michel Dantin (EPP, FR) regarding the agricultural aspects of a non-legislative own-initiative report prepared by the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) on cohesion policy in mountainous regions of the EU. The vote on this opinion is foreseen for February 2016.

Next committee meetings

18 January, 19.30-21.00 (Strasbourg, WIC 100)

Extra AGRI meeting with Commissioner Hogan on CAP simplification

25 January, 15.00-18.30 (Brussels)

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