

## Newsletter 9th legislature - Issue No 05/2019

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09.00 – 12.30

14.30 – 18.30

Brussels

Room: PHS 3C050



## Highlights

### **Presentation on the work of Policy Department B on Structural and Cohesion Policies and a study on “Megatrends in the agri-food sector: global overview and possible policy response from an EU perspective”**



The Policy Department for structural and cohesion policies will briefly outline how the research unit works and which services it can provide to the committee. A new study on “*Megatrends in the agri-food sector: global overview and possible policy response from an EU perspective*” will be presented to Members. This research project presents the major challenges that global food and agricultural systems will face in the next decades, outlines four alternative scenarios that could shape the future of the food sector in the coming decades and, for each of them, suggests policy options. The presentation will be followed by a debate with Members.

### Exchange of views with the Commission on the long-term prospects for the European beef sector



Members will discuss the long-term prospects for the European beef sector with Commission's representatives (DG AGRI, DG COMP, DG TRADE). This discussion is to take place in the context of falling beef prices for producers and a downward trend in beef consumption. Farmers' concerns are further accentuated by the impact of EU trade agreements. Faced with this situation, some producers intend to "*get control back*" from the beef processing and distribution industry, as was recently the case in Ireland where the crisis was aggravated by the prospect of Brexit (half of all Irish beef exports go to the UK). This raises the question of the impact of EU competition policy on primary producers.

### Presentation by the Commission of the CAP Transitional Measures Regulations



The Commission will present two proposals for regulations which should ensure the continuation of the current CAP through the transitional period before the application of the new CAP.

The first, shorter, proposal of the two, concerns specific issues of financial discipline in the year 2021 and flexibility between pillars. The second, more extensive proposal, provides a comprehensive framework which would allow for the CAP to be continued in year 2021.

## Works in progress

### Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics



Ms Simone Schmiedtbauer (EPP, AT) will report from the first trilogue on the Single Market Programme, where AGRI is one of five associated committees. This was a first trilogue where all the parties presented their initial positions. In the field of AGRI, the rapporteur emphasised the importance of definitions of the scope, funding and the means of implementation of the programme.

## Vote

**Conclusion of an agreement with the United States of America on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota provided for by Regulation (EC) No 617/2009 of 13 July 2009 opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef**



Members will vote on the EU - US agreement on the high quality beef TRQ, as prepared by Mr Dorfmann (EPP, IT). Since this is an opinion to a recommendation by the INTA Committee, following a consent procedure, only one amendment has been tabled.

**Conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part**



Members will vote on the EU - Ukraine agreement on preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations, as prepared by Mr Kuźmiuk (ECR, PL). Since this is an opinion to a recommendation by the INTA Committee, following a consent procedure, only two amendments have been tabled.

## Next committee meetings

18 November 2019, 14.30 - 18.30 (Brussels)

4 December 2019, 09.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30

5 December 2019, 09.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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