

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COPA- COGECA WORKING PARTY ON WINE ON 18th APRIL 2018

PRESENT:

Coste, Esposito, Assy, Garcia-Gasco Alcalde, Villafranca, Vizcaino Balsalobre, Villena Canas, Bosco, Castelli, Mastrogiovanni, Crone, Glatt, Manso, Mata, Pucek, Radic, Schwörer, Jung, Backknecht, Verger, Jacquemot, Xenikakis, Brazsil, Sourin, Maltese, Tesson, Matousek, Mira, Zwatz, Raffray, Corbalan, Gonzalo Gorrales, Pofferi, Basto

SECRETARIAT: F. Mirizzi

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting

→The agenda and minutes were approved. The item on nutritional information would be addressed in the morning session whereas the item on the changes to the CMO would be postponed until the afternoon.

2. Trade issues: USA, China, Mercosur, etc.

→The Secretariat informed the members about the state of the EU's trade relations with third countries and on the progress made in the negotiations.

The Working Party's priorities for the free trade agreement with Mercosur were also presented.

3. Promotion programmes – duration of funding (contribution from Mr Joao Onofre, DG AGRI)

→The Commission explained the reasons for the interpretation provided to Spain concerning Article 4 of Regulation 2016/1149 and informed the members that further clarification on the interpretation would be made available.

Several delegations spoke up to stress the difficulties that this new interpretation could create for operators.

4. Self-regulatory proposal on nutritional information and ingredients (Pekka Pesonen, Daniel Azevedo)

→The Secretariat informed the members of the procedural aspects relating to the discussion on the final self-regulatory proposal during the POCC/CCC on 8th March.

The Secretariat and the Chair outlined the different options available to ensure that the self-regulatory proposal is assessed positively and that legislation is subsequently drafted.

The members asked the Secretariat to draw up a note on this, to be submitted to the Working Party.

5. Elections

→The Chair proceeded with the election of the Vice-Chairs: Palma Esposito (Confagricoltura) and Christian Schwörer (DWV) were elected. The President was re-elected by acclamation.

6. Presentation of the CAP reform proposals and overview of the next steps

→The Chair presented the main changes to the wine CMO proposed by the Commission and the timeline of the reform.

The members suggested that the Secretariat organise a seminar dedicated to the CAP reform in the wine sector. The Secretariat promised to look into this request and to come back with a proposal.

The members also suggested that the Secretariat establish a digital platform to exchange information on the reform. The Secretariat promised to look into this request and to come back with a proposal.

7. Planting authorisations – state of play in Italy and debate (presentation by the Italian delegation)

→The Italian delegation gave a presentation on the implementation of the planting authorisation system in Italy and the main problems.

All members were in favour of maintaining the system but stressed that it may need to be modified to allow Member States flexibility.

8. Revision of Regulation 606/2009

→The Secretariat provided an update on the status of the revision of the Regulation.

9. Revision of Directives 82/93 and 2008/118 on the structures of excise duties

→The Secretariat provided an update on the status of the revision of the Directives.

It would contact DG TAXUD in order to further discuss the issue of distance selling, which was not covered by the latest revision.

10. A.O.B.

→The Secretariat presented the Commission's plan to hold a joint meeting for the CDG on Wine and the CDG on Spirits.

It also informed the members about the new IT registration system.