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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture
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FROM:	Javier Valle
DATE:	9th May 2014

Re: Invitation and draft agendas for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and the Advisory Group on 12th and 13th June 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on Quality of Agriculture Production** will be held on **13th June from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m** [AQA\(14\)3581 \(rev.1\)](#); [AQA\(14\)3814 \(rev.1\)](#)

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Olivier De Carné, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture which will be held on:

12th June 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 26th May 2014, 5:00 p.m. 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 Advisory Group meeting.

Please regularly check the "Quality Assurance in Agriculture" 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,

Javier Valle

¹ COPA-COGECA has 12 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.

Draft agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(14\)3784 \(rev.2\)](#)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting (17/02/2014) and Advisory Group (18/02/2014)
3. Preparation for the meeting of the Advisory Group on “Quality of Agriculture production” on Friday 18 June 2014, from 9:30 hrs to 17:30 hrs:
 - 3.1. Regulation N° 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs:
 - Implementation of Regulation No 1151/2012: state of play of the draft Implementing and delegated act on the implementation of the Regulation
 - Information on the state of play of the Delegated Act with regards to conditions of use of the OQT “Mountain product”
 - Report on the case for a new local farming and direct sales labelling scheme: update on the discussion with European Parliament and Council; exchange of views and next steps – *Exchange of views with the Greek Presidency during the Working Party meeting (tbc)*
 - Report on the case for a new term “product of island farming”: update on the discussion with European Parliament and Council; exchange of views and next steps - *Exchange of views with the Greek Presidency during the Working Party meeting (tbc)*
 - 3.2. Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers:
 - Report regarding the mandatory indication of country of origin or place of provenance for meat used as an ingredient – update on the discussion with European Parliament and Council and exchange of views
 - General update on origin labelling (article 26): Voluntary origin labelling (article 26.3) and ongoing studies on other meats, milk, milk used as an ingredient, unprocessed foods, single ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food (article 26.5) – *Point not included in the Agenda of the Advisory Group*
 - 3.3. Presentation of the Study commissioned by DG AGRI on assessing the added value of PDO/PGI products
 - 3.4. Geographical indication protection for non-agricultural products at EU level: state of play and next steps
 - 3.5. State of play of the discussions on the European Commission’s proposal on official controls (review of regulation (EC) N° 882/2004) and the link to quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs
 - 3.6. Presentation on the new framework for civil dialogue (Commission Decision 2013/767/EU) of 16 December setting up a framework for civil dialogue in matters covered by the Common Agricultural Policy and repealing Decision 2004/391/EC
4. Commission’s communication on the sustainability of the food systems: state of play and possible actions

5. International trade:

- Update on EU – China GI agreement
- Update on the negotiations with other countries regarding geographical indications: trade agreement with Canada (GI provisions), trade negotiations with the US (GI issues)

6. Information on the new EU Promotion policy for agricultural products

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