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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
15229/17 OJ CSA 23

The agenda was adopted.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1562nd meeting of the SCA**
14742/17 CRS CSA 22

The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - The Future of Food and Farming**

- Preparation of the Council exchange of views
14977/17 AGRI 654

The SCA took note of the Commission's presentation of its Communication "The Future of Food and Farming". The SCA also took note of the comments made on the Presidency's questions which will steer the exchange of views by Ministers at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 and 12 December 2017.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs and the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0392 (COD)

- State of play and guidance for future work
15121/16 AGRI 651 WTO 344 CODEC 1803
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14266/17 AGRI 622 WTO 274 CODEC 1796
14834/17 AGRI 644 WTO 288 CODEC 1900

The SCA took note of the information on the state of play of the file, including the Presidency's suggested amendments, as set out in documents 14834/17 and 14266/17.

On the basis of a questionnaire, it gave guidance to the incoming Presidency for future work and took note of additional comments made by delegations on the Presidency compromise text, as well as of the remarks made by the Commission and the Council Legal Service.

The SCA also took note of the incoming Presidency's intentions regarding the next steps.

5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder**

Interinstitutional file: 2017/0310 (NLE)

- Approval of the draft Regulation
14929/17 AGRI 651 AGRIORG 117 AGRIFIN 124

The SCA took note of the comments of Lithuania, Poland, Latvia and Portugal, who presented their reasons for opposing the proposal, the comments of Hungary, who indicated its intention to abstain, the comments of Denmark, who presented a parliamentary scrutiny reservation, and the reaction of the Commission.

The SCA also took note of the absence of a blocking minority against the proposal, thus allowing the Presidency to instruct the Secretariat to ensure the legal/linguistic finalisation of the text in order to allow for the adoption of the Regulation by the Council at the beginning of 2018.

6. **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 16.11.2017 fixing a flat-rate reduction for the import duty for sorghum in Spain imported from third countries**

- Follow-up on the written consultation
14550/17 AGRI 639 AGRIORG 114 AGRIFIN 117 DELACT 226

The SCA took note of the objections of the Polish and Hungarian delegations to the Delegated Regulation and of the support of the Spanish delegation, as well as of the Commission's reaction and the absence of a qualified majority against the Delegated Regulation.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the state of play of the Omnibus proposal, as well as on the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 and 12 December 2017.

The French delegation asked for an AOB¹ item to be tabled at that Council meeting (on the situation in the Milk market).

The Bulgarian delegation confirmed that the next SCA meeting will take place on 15 January 2018.

¹ The FR delegation has in the meantime agreed to postpone their request to the January "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council.