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SUMMARY RECORD

**Subject : 1420th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)
held in Brussels on 13 February 2012**

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

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The agenda was approved.

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2. Summary record of the 1419th meeting of the SCA

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The Special Committee on Agriculture approved the summary record.

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2009 opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef

- Approval of the final compromise text

12124/11 AGRI 482 VETER 35 SAN 139 WTO 245 +COR 1 + COR 2

18121/11 AGRI 835 VETER 56 SAN 266 WTO 466 CODEC 2312 + COR 1

5933/12 AGRI 61VETER 6 SAN 13 WTO 33 CODEC 236 OC 34

The SCA approved the I-item as set out on the agenda, details are contained in the documents quoted.

The Committee took note of the concerns raised by the Irish, Dutch and French delegations

regarding the removal by the USA of their BSE related restrictions on the import of EU beef.

The Committee also took note of the reply made by the Commission representative.

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4. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Agricultural Product Quality Schemes

- Analysis of the draft amendments

18233/11 AGRI 847 AGRIORG 237 AGRILEG 144 CODEC 2342

6182/12 AGRI 77 AGRIORG 27 AGRILEG 12 CODEC 299 + COR 1

DS 1100/12

The SCA examined a Presidency compromise package of proposals as presented in point 4 of 6182/12 + COR 1.

The SCA also held a discussion on the revised text from the European Parliament for Article 42 (AM 87) regarding management of supply. A large number of delegations raised concerns on this issue. As a result, the Presidency put forward a compromise proposal, as set out in DS 1100/12, which could not gather enough support either.

The Presidency invited delegations to provide written comments by 16 February 2012.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products**

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue
17458/11 AGRI 808 AGRILEG 139 CODEC 2173

The Presidency informed delegations that the negotiations with the European Parliament on the above mentioned file have started with a trilogue which took place on 31/01/2012, followed by a technical working group where some articles were scrutinised. At this stage, a number of articles have been accepted in principle by the European Parliament.

The Presidency intends to prepare a revised compromise text to be submitted to a next meeting of the SCA.

6. **New procedure for first reading agreements in the ordinary legislative procedure**

- Information from GSC

The SCA took note of the information provided by the General Secretariat of the Council in relation to the updated procedure for first reading agreements in the framework of the ordinary legislative procedure¹, in particular that

- linguistic and legal-linguistic comments transmitted to the Council Secretariat throughout the discussion of the file, will be incorporated into the text only at the end of the process during the legal-linguistic revision;
- after the SCA has agreed a final consolidated text, translations of this text should be made available within two weeks;
- after translations are ready, legal-linguistic revision is launched;
- the period for this legal-linguistic revision will be reduced to 6 weeks;

¹ *In this respect, delegations are encouraged to review their linguistic versions of the Commission proposal at an earlier stage and to submit comments to the General Secretariat as soon as possible. Where translations of the text are made available in the course of the procedure, delegations are encouraged to check once again and submit any linguistic comments to the GSC at the earliest opportunity.*

- during the legal-linguistic revision a first draft is made available in all linguistic versions and sent to delegations, asking them to check their linguistic version within a deadline of 7 working days (and before the experts meeting), and to submit their comments to the GSC;
- after the plenary vote in the European Parliament no further linguistic revision will be possible, although the possibility of rectifications, to be agreed between the lawyer linguists of EP and Council, remains.

7. **Simplification of Common Agricultural Policy**

- Exchange of views
5958/12 AGRI 63

The SCA took note of the Commission's presentation, of delegations' contributions and of the Commission's reply. Delegations have been invited to submit technical suggestions in writing to the Commission and to the Council Secretariat.

8. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of its next meeting on 27 February 2012.
