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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

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The agenda was approved.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1427th meeting of the SCA**

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The Special Committee on Agriculture approved the summary record.

II

3. **Quality Package**

(a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards**

- *Preparation for the second informal trilogue*

6544/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 91 AGRIORG 33 CODEC 385

The SCA took note of the broad support for the revised Presidency compromise text (doc 6544/1/12 REV 1) while noting the absence of a qualified majority on the open issues identified in document 6544/1/12 REV 1. The SCA also took note of the Commission position.

Given the absence of a complete mandate to continue negotiations with the European Parliament at this stage, the Presidency indicated its intention to inform the Rapporteur and to reflect on the adjustments to be made to the Council text on the Single CMO CAP Reform draft Regulation.

(b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Agricultural Product Quality Schemes**

- *Analysis of the final compromise text*

8329/12 AGRI 196 AGRIORG 57 AGRILEG 49 CODEC 874

The SCA examined the last Presidency proposal for Article 42 on the major question of management of supply (Annex II to 8329/12 and modifications introduced by the Presidency Flash circulated prior to the SCA meeting on 16 April 2012). A qualified majority could not be gathered on this proposal.

The SCA accepted to extend to 10 years the transitional period for the traditional specialities guaranteed without reservation of the name (Article 25.2).

4. **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**

- *Preparation for the third informal trilogue*
9448/12 AGRI 277 AGRILEG 64 CODEC 1157

The Presidency submitted a revised Presidency compromise text in order to get a renewed mandate to continue negotiations with the European Parliament at the forthcoming third trilogue. The Commission welcomed the new amendments proposed by the Presidency.

Although delegations were generally in favour of the new Presidency compromise text, some questions were raised, especially in relation to article Article 27. In the light of these comments, to be provided to the Presidency in writing, a revised draft will be circulated to the delegations, before the next trilogue.

5. **Report from the Commission to the Council assessing progress reported by Italy to the Commission and the Council on recovery of additional levy due by milk producers for the periods 1995/96 to 2001/02 (pursuant to Article 3 of Council Decision 2003/530/EC)**

- *Presentation by the Commission*
9464/12 AGRIFIN 82 FIN 316

The SCA took note of the presentation by the Commission and of the comments made by the Italian and the Dutch delegations.

6. **CAP reform: Areas Facing Natural Constraints in Pillar II**

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD)**

- *Orientation debate*

15425/11 AGRISTR 57 CODEC 1665 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)

The SCA took note of the Commission's introduction, of delegations' views and of the Commission's reply. The Presidency called upon delegations to demonstrate the greatest degree of flexibility as regards sharing, both with the Council and with the European Parliament, the results of the calculations of the new delimitation of the areas, other than mountain areas, facing significant natural constraints.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the preparation for the Council session on 14-15 May 2012.
