

PIG MEAT

Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings

COUNTRY:.....

1. BASIC INFORMATION:

1.1. Balance Sheet (1000 Heads or TEC tonnes equivalent carcass)

	2002	2003	2004
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- **Pig herd:**
 - Total size of the herd (in December):
 - Piglets (< 20 kg):
 - Pigs for fattening:
 - Breeding pigs:
- Production of meat (tons/carcass equivalent):
- **Imports:**
 - Live (head):
 - Live (tons/carcass equivalent):
 - Meat (tons):
- **Exports:**
 - Live (head):
 - Live (tons/carcass equivalent):
 - Meat (tons):
- **Existing stocks:**
- **Human consumption (kg/head/year):**
- **Self sufficiency:**
 - (Ratio between Gross Indigenous Production and total use)

1.2. Farm structure (pig production):

What is the number of holdings engaged in pig production?

What is the size of such farms?
(Average number of pigs per holding)

Total number of pigs in holdings of

- * less than 200 pigs
- * 200-399 pigs
- * 400-999 pigs
- * over 1000 pigs

How big part of the pig farms are specialized piglet or fattening units and how many are combined production farms.

Is pig production concentrated in certain areas or dispersed?

1.3. Consumption:

Is pigmeat a traditional meat? Is the consumption concentrated at certain times of year (summer season, certain holidays) or is demand steady throughout the year?

Evolution of production and consumption: Have there been reductions or increases in production or consumption (in past 5 years)?

1.4. Producer and other organisations:

What are the organisations in pig sector and what are their positions?

2. MARKETS

- How is the commerce organised?

Are there live markets or direct purchases by slaughterhouses, or both?
Does all meat for consumption go through slaughterhouses and retail stores?

- Is pig industry in any extent integrated? Are there any long term contracts between producers/slaughterhouses, slaughterhouses/meat industry, meat industry/retailers? Any price guarantees?
- Is the live market privately organised or does the State play a role?
- Can a list be provided of the various markets/slaughterhouses, showing their relative importance in terms of throughput of pigs?
- Prices:

Systems for pricing (based on carcass quality or other methods)

- Do the authorities monitor the prices on the markets?
- Price developments (on a basis of average quality carcasses) over the last 3 years.
- Average slaughter weights

3. **SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

- Number of slaughterhouses by regions ?
- Are slaughterhouses publicly owned, private or co-operatives (semi-public)?

Do they purchase the meat and then market it or are they service slaughterhouses which slaughter animals for a fee?

- Are the slaughterhouses certified for export to the EU?

Are there official personnel present in slaughterhouses (veterinarians for example)?

Is there a classification system for carcasses, based on lean meat content?

- Are storage facilities available (cold stores)?

4. **GENERAL MARKET INFORMATION**

- Is the identity of all farmers known?
- Is a census of the number of animals regularly carried out?
- Are statistics available for numbers and slaughterings? If so, on what basis? – weekly, monthly...?
- Are production forecasts carried out?

5. **IMPORTS / EXPORTS**

- Are there import agreements with other countries?
 - Other candidate countries?
 - EU countries?
 - Non-candidate countries?

- With regard to imports, are there quotas in operation?

How are they managed? (Certificates of origin and import licences, for example).

- Are there exports to other countries?
 - Other candidate countries?
 - Non-candidate countries ?

- Are export refunds or credit guarantees used?

6. **SUPPORT FOR PIG FARMERS**

- Are any subsidies paid to farmers in the pig sector:
 - Income support?
 - Structural support?

- Are there indirect subsidies such as price controls on the markets (minimum price levels guaranteed for example)?

- Are there any intervention mechanisms in operation, such as private or public storage?

7. **SANITARY SITUATION**

What is the veterinary situation?:

* Diseases:

The role of authorities:

* Legislation:

* Eradication programs:

* Vaccination: