

(FIBRES, COTTON, SILKWORMS)
FIBRE FLAX AND HEMP SECTOR

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

1. BASIC INFORMATION (BOTH FOR FLAX AND HEMP)

a) **Balance sheet** From 1998 onwards

- Area
- Yield - straw
- fibres
- seed
- Production
- Import (volumes, origins)
- Export (volumes, destinations)
- Stocks

b) **Prices** From 1998 onwards

Prices of the straw

Prices of the long fibre

Prices of the short fibre

c) Number of processing plants and their processing capacity, as well as number of farmers: are there seed producers?

d) Are there any environmental programs?

2. MARKET TOOLS AND CONTROL SYSTEM

a) How is the trade organised? Are there any producers' organisations?

b) Is there any publication concerning the price for a standard quality or for different qualities of fibres? Which are the characteristics or minimum criteria (for example impurity level)?

c) Administrative control

- Is there a central registration system of processing plants?
- Hemp: is there a system of regulating authorised varieties? Is there a system of authorisation of hemp sowing?

- Is there a control of fibre processors in terms of quantity and quality of processed fibres)?
- Is there a control of the percentage of THC in the hemp sector? Is there a maximum allowed limit of THC content? What is the method of its determination? Is there a laboratory?
- Is there a control on the import of hemp seeds?

3. TRADE

- Is there a system of import licences? If so, could you describe the system (delivery documents, type of control, custom duties ...)?
- Is there an aid system for exportation? If so, could you describe the mechanism (direct aid for traders, export refunds ...)?
- Are there trade agreements with third countries? If so, please provide a description (with Central-European Countries, WTO, import/export quotas, tariff reductions ...).

4. PREMIUM

- Are there any subsidies paid to flax fibre and hemp fibre producers and/or to the processors
 - as an income support?
 - as a price support?
 - as a structural support?
 - as a support for environment?
- If so, describe the system of aid (per ha, per quantity, total budget, quantitative restrictions, beneficiaries, general conditions)
- Are there any sanctions foreseen?

5. OTHER

- Please indicate any particular situation relevant in this sector.

COTTON SECTOR

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. BASIC INFORMATION

Balance sheet

From 1998 onwards

- Area
 - Yield
 - unginning cotton
 - ginned cotton
 - seed
 - Production
 - unginning cotton
 - ginned cotton
 - Import (volumes, origins)
 - Export (volumes, destinations)
 - Stocks
- b) Is there transgenic cotton cultivated?
- c) Number of producers and processors
- d) What is the quality of cotton? What are the quality criteria (humidity, length, impurities...)?
- e) Structure of production (average size of a cotton farm)

2. CURRENT REGIME

- Is there any domestic support mechanism in favour of the cotton production? Could you give a description of the cotton regime (legal framework)?
- Are there minimum prices guaranteed to cotton producers?
- Are there any national guaranteed quantities?
- Is there any system of control of the correct application of those rules?
- Are there any sanctions foreseen in case of irregularities or frauds?

3. MARKET

- a) How is the commerce organised? Are there producers' organisations?
- b) Is there any publication concerning the price for a standard quality or for different qualities of cotton fibres?
- c) Administrative control
- Is there a central registration system of processing plants (ginning plants)?
 - Is there a control of ginners?

- Are there laboratories for determining the quality of the cotton at the entry of the ginning plant?

4. TRADE

- Is there a system of import licences? If so, could you describe the system (delivery documents, type of control, custom duties ...)?
- Is there an aid system for exportation? If so, could you describe the mechanism (direct aid for exporters ...)?
- Are there import agreements with third countries? If so, please provide a description (with Central-European Countries, WTO, import/export quotas, tariff reductions ...).

5. OTHER

- Please indicate any particular situation relevant in this sector.

SILKWORM SECTOR

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. BASIC INFORMATION

a) Balance sheet From 1998 onwards

- Number of boxes
- Yield
- Production
- Import (volumes, origins)
- Export (volumes, destinations)
- Stocks

b) Prices

2. MARKET TOOLS

a) How is the trade organised?

- Import duties/export refunds
- Import/export licence system

b) Administrative control

- Is the identity of all producers known and registered?

3. PREMIUM

Are any subsidies paid to silkworm producers? If so, describe the type of aid.

4. OTHER

- Please indicate any particular situation relevant in this sector.