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

**BEEF AND VEAL SECTOR**

**1. General information**

**(1) Balance sheet for beef and veal sector in head and/or carcase weight equivalent (cwe):**

Please complete the table below:

	2002	2003	2004	2005 (f)
<b>Bovine livestock (in December)</b>				
Bovines less than 1 year of age of which calves for slaughter				
Bovines aged between 1 and 2 years				
of which male animals				
female animals				
Bovines over 2 years of age				
of which heifers				
cows (total)				
dairy cows				
<b>Net production</b>				
Total slaughtering (in head and cwe)				
<b>Import</b>				
Live animals (in head and cwe)				
Meat				
<b>Export</b>				
Live animals (in head and cwe)				
Meat				
<b>Public stocks</b>				
<b>Total domestic use</b>				
Net production + meat imports - meat exports + stock variation				
<b>Per capita consumption</b>				
kg/head/year				
<b>Self-sufficiency (%)</b>				
ratio between gross indigenous production and total use				

**(2) Farm structure (livestock production)**

- Number of holdings for beef production
- Please sub-divide the above number of holdings in function of the number of animals per holding (e.g.: between 10 and 20 animals: 1000 holdings etc.)

**(3) Slaughterhouses structures with representative rate**

- Describe briefly the slaughtering industry (number of abattoirs for bovines; capacity; annual throughput; ownership; etc.)

**2. Market tools**

- How is the commerce organised? Are there physical live markets or are the purchases of animals realised directly on the farms by traders or slaughterhouses, or both?
- Is there a carcass classification system for bovine animals or another standard quality system? If yes, provide a short description.
- On what basis are animals purchased? Live weight? Price per head? Dead weight? Carcass grading system? Flat price for batch of animals? Flat price per kilogram carcass weight?
- Is there a price reporting system requiring abattoirs or traders to communicate regularly beef prices? If yes, provide a short description.
- Is there an intervention system for the beef market like public intervention, private storage aid or other? If yes, provide a short description.
- Are there any other market support measures available/used for the beef sector?

**3. Labelling of beef products**

- Is it presently possible to apply the system for the identification and registration of bovine animals providing for:
  - eartags to identify animals individually;
  - computerised databases, with location of each animal;
  - animal passports;
  - individual register kept on each holding.
- Is there a national labelling system of beef products? If so, provide a brief description.

#### 4. **Import/export**

– Please provide statistical overview of external trade (import and export) in terms of live bovines and beef during last 5 years by specifying type of products and the main countries of origin (for imports) and of destination (for exports). Please provide the data expressed in number of heads (live trade) and in carcass weight equivalent (for beef trade).

– Is there a system of import licences for beef meat or bovine animals for trade with third countries?

If so, provide a short description (Delivery documents, degree of utilisation, security, type of control).

– Are there preferential import agreements with third countries?

If so, please give detailed description and degree of utilisation during last 5 years (e.g. type of agreement; countries and products concerned; level of import duties, etc.).

– Is there an aid system for exportation? If yes, provide a short description.