Subject: Setting up of the Expert Group on agricultural commodity derivatives and spot markets - Selection of key stakeholders

In 2012 the DG Agriculture and Rural Development decided to set up an Expert Group on agricultural commodity derivatives and spot markets. The Expert Group will be a consultative entity with the objective to provide advice and expertise to the Commission services in relation to the functioning of the agricultural commodity derivatives and spot markets (see note Ares (2012) 1112259).

The Expert Group is composed of representatives of EU Member States and key stakeholders active in the agricultural sector and/or having activities relevant to the agricultural commodity derivatives and spot markets.

The stakeholders have been chosen on the basis of a call for applications. They could send their applications until 19 October 2012. Altogether 39 applications have been received and in general the interest of stakeholders was satisfactory.

After a careful analysis of the submitted applications the following 16 stakeholders could be accepted as they have fulfilled all criteria laid down in the Call for applications:

1. European Flour Millers
2. Fediol
3. European Association of Dairy Trade (EUCOLAIT)
4. European Council of Young Farmers
5. Comité Européen des Fabricants de Sucre (CEFS)
6. COCERAL
7. CAOBISCO
8. European Union of the Potato Trade (EUROPATAT)
9. Fédération Européenne des Fabricants d’Aliments Composés (FEFAC)
10. FOOD DRINK Europe

The following 23 applications unfortunately could not be accepted as they have not met all the criteria laid down in the Call for application. In particular these applicants were individual companies, undertakings or national associations thus they could not be selected.

1. Commodity Exchange Bratislava
   *Reason of refusal:* individual company, not a European association

2. [Redacted]
   *Reason of refusal:* private person, not nominated by a European association

3. Hungarian Grain and Feed Association
   *Reason of refusal:* association at national and not European level

4. Association Générale des Producteurs de Blé et autres céréales (AGPB)
   *Reason of refusal:* association at national and not European level

5. [Redacted]
   *Reason of refusal:* individual company, not a European association

6. Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited
   *Reason of refusal:* individual company, not a European association

7. Latvian Agricultural Organisation Cooperation Council (LOSP)
   *Reason of refusal:* association at national and not European level

8. Agro Market Ressources (Offre et Demande Agricole)
   *Reason of refusal:* individual company, not a European association

9. VIVESCIA
   *Reason of refusal:* individual company, not a European association

10. Dansk Landbrugs Grovvareselskab a.m.b.a. (DLG)
    *Reason of refusal:* national cooperative and not a European association

11. Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris
    *Reason of refusal:* private person, not nominated by a European association
12 Bremer Landesbank
Reason of refusal: individual company, not a European association

13 Nordzucker AG
Reason of refusal: individual company, not a European association

14 FCStone Commodity Services (Europe)
Reason of refusal: individual company, not a European association

15 EUREX Frankfurt AG
Reason of refusal: individual company, not a European association

16 UNION OF RICE PRODUCERS IN BULGARIA
Reason of refusal: association at national and not European level

17 Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB)
Reason of refusal: individual company, not a European association

18 Bundesverband der Agrargewerblichen Wirtschaft e.V. (BVA)
Reason of refusal: association at national and not European level

19 Weltwirtschaft, Ökologie and Entwicklung - WEED e.V.
Reason of refusal: not a European association

20 Stichting Onderzoek Multinationale Ondernemingen (SOMO)
Reason of refusal: not a European association

21 Confederação dos Agricultores de Portugal (CAP)
Reason of refusal: association at national and not European level

22 International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE)
Reason of refusal: although CIBE is an association at European level, however experience not entirely relevant as no futures or physical markets exist for sugar beet. Moreover the sugar sector would be well covered by CEFS and ASSUC.

23 U.E.C.B.V.
Reason of refusal: late application received on 26th October 2012.

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Enclosure: Call for applications
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