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Ü REGISTER NOW FOR THE EDA WORLD DAIRY FORUM!

The EDA World Dairy Forum will once again offer this year top presentations from high-level speakers. Come and listen to Esther de Lange and George Lyon, both Members of the European Parliament, to Professor Robert Thompson, from Illinois University, to Professor Theun Vellinga from Wageningen University and to Richard Perkins from the WWF, who will all give insight on the most recent thinking on EU dairy Policy/EU agriculture policy, on developments with consumer information on foods and on the work towards a sustainable dairy sector.

This years World Dairy Forum will focus on 3 topics: "Future for EU Dairy Policies", "Working towards the Sustainable Dairy Sector" and "Building Consumer Confidence through Food Information".

Do not miss this most important event and take part in the EDA Annual Congress, 23-25 September in The Hague. Register now to ensure your seat at the WDF, and to meet with the dairy industry's leading experts (www.EDA2010.com).

Ü MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 26.08.10

TENDERED REFUNDS

There was no offer.

COMMON REFUNDS & REFUNDS NA1

Refunds remain at zero.

PRIVATE STORAGE AID SCHEME FOR BUTTER

Cumulative quantities until 22 August: 83,100t

INTERVENTION

The new campaign has started in March 2010; there have been no offers for SMP and butter into intervention.

Release of intervention products:

In the 5th tender, there was no offer for butter and SMP.

Ü HIGH LEVEL FORUM

The European Commission has extended the mandate of the High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the Agro-Food Industry, upgrading it to a **High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain** (as regards contractual relations, logistics and competitiveness). The Forum, which will comprise stakeholders from businesses, associations and national authorities, is expected to start its work in the autumn. The Commission decision is available on the following page: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:210:0004:0005:EN:PDF>

Ü DANISH SATURATED FAT TAX

The Danish government has decided to tax saturated fat in foods. According to the government, the tax on saturated fat is apparently substantiated by arguments such as the fight against obesity and concerns about the health of the citizens.

The range of products to be included is not yet fully known, but it has been indicated that the tax will be imposed on saturated fat in butter, oil (including margarine), cheese, cream, crème fraîche, meat and composite products. Drinking milk and drinking milk products with a total fat content at or below 3.5 % are not included. The tax rate is 13-14 DKK (\approx 1.80 Euro) per kilo and includes, among other things, import of products. At the moment it is not known in what part of the food chain the tax will be collected. There is currently also no formal legislative proposal, but the Danish Ministry of Taxation indicates that they intend to put forward a legislative proposal in August-September 2010 and that they expect implementing the tax in July 2011.

Ü EFSA WORKSHOPS ON HEALTH CLAIMS

EFSA will organise a series of public consultations and scientific meetings on the scientific requirements for the substantiation of specific types of health claims during 2010-2012. The overall aim of the consultations will be to further assist applicants in preparing applications for the authorization of health claims, especially with regard to the scientific requirements for the substantiation of health claims. The first scientific meeting will take place in December 2010 on health claims related to 'gut and immune functions'. Prior to the meeting, EFSA will publish on its website for public consultation a draft guidance document on the scientific requirements for substantiation of those health claims. Comments received during the public consultation and the draft guidance document will be discussed at the scientific meeting following which the draft guidance document will be revised. EFSA is planning further consultations and maybe meetings on 'post-prandial blood glucose responses/blood glucose control; weight management/energy intake/satiety' (Feb 2011), 'protection against oxidative damage; cardiovascular health' (May 2011), 'bone, joint and oral health; cognitive function' (Sept 2011), physical performance (February 2012).

Ü UK FSA GUIDANCE ON MILK DESIGNATIONS

The UK Food Standards Agency has recently published a "Guidance on legislation on the protection of definitions and designations in respect of milk and milk products". The guidance is intended for food industry including small and medium sized enterprises as well as enforcement authorities. The purpose of the guidance is to provide informal, non-binding guidance on compliance with the regulations by industry, and to aid the enforcement of legislation relating to the protection of definitions and designations used in the marketing of milk and milk products. The guidance covers the legal requirements listed in Annex XII to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 (Single CMO Regulation) whereby the reserved / protected designations assigned to milk and milk products may only be used for products derived exclusively from milk, i.e. products whose dairy components have not been replaced with non-dairy components. It also provides information on dairy analogues, 'non-pure' dairy products, composite products and exemptions. The guidance is available on the UK FSA website:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/guidancenotes/labelregsguidance/milkproductguide>

Ü THANK YOU AND WELCOME

EDA's Junior Trade & Economics Officer Marig Le Goff is leaving EDA. We herewith thank her for the outstanding work she has performed. Mr Peter Lalvani will replace her as from 6 September. We wish both of them a lot of success in their respective new position.

Ü THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DAIRY TELEGRAPH WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2010