



Malta-EU Steering & Action Committee

## AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES



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### Agriculture and Rural Development

**COM (2009) 227** Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and eggs for hatching (codified version)

The purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs. The new Directive will supersede the various acts incorporated in it; this proposal fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bringing them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself.

Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel visits China to promote 'Tasty Europe' – 15/05/2009

Mariann Fischer Boel, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, visited China from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to promote the quality and diversity of European food and drink. The Commissioner was accompanied by a delegation of 11 top executives from food and drink companies from across the European Union, representing an annual turnover of around €27 billion, under the "Tasty Europe" banner. The business representatives have been selected taking into account products where there already is an EU presence on the Chinese market and where there is significant potential for growth in the future. The main objective of the visit was to forefront a promotional effort to increase joint business opportunities in the agri-food sector between the EU and China.

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## **Fisheries**

Preparation of Agriculture and Fisheries Council of May 2009 – 20/05/2009

The Agriculture & Fisheries Council will meet in Brussels on Monday 25 May, under the Presidency of Mr Jakub Šebesta, Czech minister for Agriculture. Commissioners Mariann Fischer Boel and Joe Borg will represent the Commission at the meeting. The main fisheries-related items on the Council agenda are an exchange of views on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and the statement on the way forward in eliminating the practice of discarding of fish to the sea.

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