Milk and milk products: statistical surveys

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PURPOSE : to improve existing legislation on statistical surveys of milk and milk products. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Directive 2003/107/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products. CONTENT : The purpose of Council Directive 96/16/EC is to provide reliable and comparable data on milk production and use and reliable, regular, short-term information on milk deliveries to undertakings which treat or process milk and on the production of milk products in the Member States. The principal amendment made by this directive is the introduction of statistical information on the protein content of the main milk products, in view of the growing economic importance of the protein count of milk. In addition, specialisation in agriculture is increasing in general, and the milk sector, in particular, is currently undergoing regional specialisation which gives rise to enormous differences between the regions of a single Member State, requiring detailed information at regional level. To guarantee comparability of results, methodological reports will have to be compiled according to a standard format. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/02/04. DATE OF TRANSPOSITION : 31/03/04.