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Farm Minister Council in Brussels

On January 26, farm ministers discussed market impact of the Russian embargo. Farm Commissioner Hogan reiterates that the EU's dairy sector "is not in the state of a crisis". Hogan expressed his openness to examine how the Milk Market Observatory could be strengthened further. For the German delegation, the measures taken by the Commission hitherto „were not very efficient". The struggle of dairy farmers in Great Britain was discussed as well. Following weeks of falling prices in the UK, Secretary of State George Eustice suggested the introduction of country of origin labelling for dairy products. There are news that Moscow might be prepared to re-open its market to a number of products including high-end products such as PDOs (Protected Designation of Origin) and PGIs (Protected Geographical Indication). Farm Commissioner and the European Commission insisted Member States should stay united in their response to Russia's food import ban at today's Farm Council, sticking to a common EU solution rather than bilateral deals.

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