

## **Beef Task force**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose of the establishment of the Taskforce**

The Beef Taskforce was established by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Michael Creed TD, on foot of the agreement of 15<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Remit of the Taskforce**

The Beef Taskforce remit is to monitor the implementation of the actions arising from the agreement reached on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The Taskforce will provide for a robust implementation structure for commitments entered into in this Agreement, with timelines and stakeholder engagement. Furthermore, the Beef Market Taskforce will offer a suitable platform for strategic engagement with key stakeholders including retailers, regulatory authorities etc.

The Task Force will review and bring forward measures that can support farmers transitioning from lower grade animals towards higher-spec categories through innovation and new technologies. A market update report will be provided and discussed at each meeting.

The Taskforce will meet at least quarterly from October 2019 for a period of one year after which the Taskforce's progress will be reviewed.

#### **Composition of the taskforce**

The Taskforce is comprised of an independent Chair nominated by the Minister and nominees from each of the relevant organisations as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Michael Dowling	Chair
Sinead McPhillips	DAFM
Maria Dunne	DAFM
Aidan Murray	Teagasc
Padraig Brennan	Bord Bia
Pat McCormack	ICMSA

Des Morrison	ICMSA
Edmond Phelan	ICSA
Eddie Punch	ICSA
Joe Healy	IFA
Kevin Kinsella	IFA
TJ Flanagan	ICOS
Thomas Duffy	MACRA
Derrie Dillon	MACRA
Dermot O'Brien	BPM
Enda Fingleton	BPM
Brendan Joyce	INHFA
Colm O'Donnell	INHFA
Phillip Carroll	MII
Cormac Healy	MII
Joe Ryan	MII
Sean Coughlan	ICBF

As the Taskforce works through specific issues, the Chair may invite additional subject experts to attend meetings on an ad hoc basis.

Secretariat will be provided by DAFM.

Valerie Woods	DAFM - Secretariat
Greg Murray	DAFM - Secretariat

### **Reporting & Governance**

Agreed minutes and update reports will be published on DAFM's website.

Taskforce meetings will be held in camera. Documentation circulated and discussions at Taskforce meetings will be confidential, in order to facilitate an open dialogue.