Methodological notes

1. Data source: The statistical survey on the pigs livestock existent on May 1, 2016, was performed according to the provisions of the Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC concerning livestock and meat statistics.

The sample survey used a representative sample at national and development region level of 12000 agricultural holdings, out of which 506 agricultural holdings with legal status and 11494 individual agricultural holdings.

2. Concepts and definitions

- **2.1 "Pigs"** mean domestic animals belonging to the species *Sus scrofa Domesticus*, including pigs in maternity, breeding and fattening farms, no matter of sex, weight category and economic destination;
- **2.2** "Sows for breeding" (breeding livestock) females that have farrowed at least once and gilts after 48 hours of birth, if they have farrowed healthy piglets and can ensure an appropriate suckling.