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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MR JEAN-LUC DEMARTY
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DG TRADE

**Subject: EU-U.S. Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) –
Reply to your note of 25 June 2013 on cooperation between our
services**

I would like to thank you for your note (Ares(2013)2482100) of 25 June focusing on various aspects related to the preparation of the TTIP negotiations.

I fully share your suggestion to coordinate in advance and agree on negotiating positions. We will do this with DG TRADE on agriculture and GI issues. We understand equally that DG TRADE will do the same with us in advance on other issues that may affect agriculture (such as overall tariff modalities, negotiating structures and strategies, linkages and trade-offs between areas, and IPR-GI link).

I also agree we need to coordinate on and share information and communication efforts, including stakeholder consultations. DG AGRI will invite DG TRADE to our agriculture stakeholder consultation meetings which are more efficient than parallel meetings.

Allow me to clarify a couple of things. First, in the note you refer to the joined establishment of negotiating positions between DG TRADE and the services concerned and to specific modalities to be agreed. I suggest our teams get together to discuss what these specific modalities could be.

A second clarification concerns the aspect of "co-lead arrangement" in each negotiating groups between a representative of DG TRADE and a representative of the service concerned. I take this to mean in practice that while DG AGRI will be the spokesman on agriculture and GI issues in the TTIP negotiations (since it would be confusing and create risk of inconsistencies if there were two spokesmen at the same time), whenever issues going beyond agriculture and GIs are raised (eg link to industrial market access or other sectors, overall nature of the negotiations), the co-leads would decide whether the DG AGRI spokesman or more probably the DG TRADE colleague would take those more general points. I assume that this arrangement would correspond to the increased cooperation that DG TRADE would like to ensure, and with which I agree.

My services have already communicated the name of the colleagues of DG AGRI who will participate to the round and the specific negotiating groups where they will be present. While the organisational chart attached to your note was not correctly

representing the distribution of DG AGRI representatives across the various negotiating groups, this was corrected in the most recent update sent on 27 June 2013.

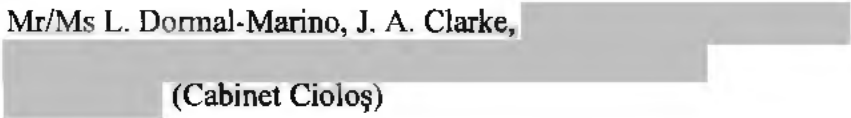
I share your view that this close cooperation is critical for the success of TTIP negotiations and I can ensure that my services will work in close contact with those of DG TRADE and of the other DGs.



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