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Subject: a.v.e.c. request for a meeting to discuss TTIP and its impact for the poultry meat industry

Dear Mr. Vinciunas,

I am writing to you on behalf of a.v.e.c. the association representing the poultry meat industry in the EU.

We have recently shared with Commissioner Andriukaitis our position paper that defines our 12 priorities for the poultry meat industry (please see our policy paper in copy).

Among our priorities, we are particularly worried about imports from third countries that do not comply with the same rules that are imposed on the EU producers on aspects such as food safety (use of chemicals for the decontamination of the carcasses, use of antibiotics, growth promoters,...) and animal welfare, giving a competitive advantage to our main competitors that are already favoured by lower costs (feed, labour,...).

This situation puts at risk the whole EU poultry meat industry that is already facing imports from 3rd countries amounting more than 800 000 Tons, much more than any other meat sector in the EU.

The study carried out by LEI Wageningen for a.v.e.c. last year, illustrates this competitive disadvantage of EU producers compared to our main competitors (Brazil, US, Thailand, Ukraine,...). See: <http://www.avec-poultry.eu/system/files/archive/new-structure/Communications/Study%20on%20competitiveness%20of%20poultry%20meat%20sector%20updated%20with%202013%20data.pdf>

Having that in mind and in the context of the TTIP negotiations, we would be very much interested to have an exchange with you and your assistants about the treatment of the SPS aspects for poultry meat in Trade negotiations in general and in TTIP in particular.

Our experts coming from different Member States will discuss trade issues in Brussels on the 30 April 2015 and we would like to know whether it would be possible to meet you on this specific day.

We are very flexible in the time and place (your or our office in Brussels) we may meet each other. In case you would have other commitments on that day, we would be grateful if you could let us know your availability to meet on another date.

I shall appreciate if you would let me know whether you can accept our invitation and what would be your preference about time and place.

I thank you in advance for your reply and I hope that you will give a favorable answer to our request.

With best regards.

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