Dear [Name],

Please find below a BTO from last week’s meeting with Austria.

Best wishes,

Meeting with Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
Origin and sustainability labelling
HoU office, DG SANTE
9 September 2022

Participants:
Austria: [Name], [Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, (Perm. Rep.)]
DG SANTE: [Name], [A1]

The meeting took place at the request of the Austrian authorities to inform about the progress of the Austrian origin labelling initiatives.

The Austrian authorities:
- Explained that the draft ordinance requiring the indication of origin labelling of meat, milk and eggs when they are used as ingredients in prepacked foods has been withdrawn, as Austria anticipates the Commission’s proposal on the extension of origin labelling to certain foods. The Austrian authorities noted that in case of lack of progress of the Commission’s initiative, they would be under strong political pressure, especially by their ministry of agriculture, to adopt national origin labelling measures.
- Informed that Austria will hold meetings with all relevant stakeholders (industry, consumer organisations and inspectors) to decide upon an Austrian position on sustainability labelling.
- Inquired about the state of play of the Commission’s initiative on the revision of the FIC Regulation and on the legislative framework for sustainable food systems.
- Stressed the importance of adopting measures that can be easily enforced by national authorities.

DG SANTE:
- Thanked the Austrian authorities for informing the Commission about the progress of the Austrian ordinance on origin labelling of non-prepacked food, and on the Austrian positions on origin labelling and sustainability labelling.
- Informed the Austrian authorities about the state of play of the revision of the FIC Regulation and the legislative framework for sustainable food systems in particular regarding the initiative on sustainable labelling.