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**Subject:** Summary meeting with "Fur Europe", 30 September 2015

Participants: representatives from "Fur Europe", (DG TRADE)

In the context of an exhibition organised by "Fur Europe" in the European Parliament a meeting was requested to discuss TTIP and the specific issues of interest for the fur industry. "Fur Europe" is an umbrella organisation covering the entire value chain of the European fur sector.

This organisation supports the TTIP negotiations and highlighted the following issues of interest:

- As the large majority of its value chain is formed of SMEs, any provisions aimed at facilitating information and/or market access to the US would be important. The "website" the EU is trying to push forward would be of key interest for them, to understand procedures and administrative requirements
- Main issue is regulatory problems: delays in certification approval, different classification of their products in the EU and US, differences in labelling requirements. For example, due to the US classification of their products (under the Fish and Wildlife products Act) their products can only enter the US through one port.
- Interested also on e-commerce chapter, as a significant part of their international trade, in particular with the US is done online.

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