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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE SPS MARKET ACCESS WORKING GROUP BRUSSELS, 8 FEBRUARY 2012

PARTICIPANTS: *[not relevant]*

EU Business associations: AVEC, DDB, CELCAA, EXPLA, FEFANA, UECBV, EUCOLAIT, CLITRAVI, ECORYS, Touchdown Consulting, Nestle Purina, CEPS, EFPRA, FOODDRINKEUROPE, European seed association

Commission: DG TRADE, DG SANCO, DG AGRI

[not relevant]

3. SPS MARKET ACCESS ISSUES IN USA

COM presented market access issues on animal and plant health issues.

Businesses highlighted that it is essential to avoid any disruption, and specified that composite products and uncooked products still raise problems. Businesses were also keen to know the impact of the Food Safety Modernization Act, especially for small businesses. Businesses referred to fees for inspections which can be considerably high, and to the need to get an equivalence system to the EU inspections. COM informed that the implementing rules of the Food Safety Modernization Act were postponed. Fees have already been imposed, but applications to foreign facilities were postponed.

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