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US consumers associations : asked for more transparency from negotiators, warned on the risk of compromise on standards that will reduce safety. But condemned use of antibiotics, hormones , were in favour for labelling of GMOs and supported EU right to take on board other principles that the simple science (in GMOs).

Crop life but also the olive oil importers and the Food and Beverage association : pushed for cooperation on MRL for pesticides and possible work on harmonizing positions. Olive oil importers spoke also against any marketing order that would block consignments at the border and promoted instead the idea of an US standard imposed by FDA following international IOC, criteria's (as in the EU)

Association of origin Wines, represented by the Port wine: claimed for better system of protection , need to negotiate phase two of the wine agreement [NOT RELEASABLE]

Eucolait: pushed for addressing sanitary issues such as Grade A for fresh milk , certification requirements but in particular supported the idea for the sanitary system recognition / compatibility . As regard to the GIs indicated that they should be part of the agreement and a pragmatic case by case approach should be followed.

US dairy association : insisted on rebalance of trade flows now clearly favouring the EU, claimed against SPS barriers and certification / TRQ use. On GIs made the classic speech on EU sequestering common food names and not allowing access to the EU and other third countries for American Parmesan and Feta . Negotiations should also address these NTB restrictions . Claimed protection exist for GIs in the US via TM .

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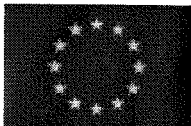
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