Subject: Brexit

Marie Audren (Spirits Europe) requested a meeting to express the concerns of her organisation in relation to a transition period in relation to Brexit. She outlined the industry's interest in the continued application of EU trade agreements during a transition period when the UK would remain part of the customs union and internal market. She gave examples of how supply chains operate in the spirits industry. 4.1.b referred to the ongoing discussions in the Council on the negotiating directives on the transition, following the proposal made by the Commission. He encouraged Spirits Europe to share further examples or expertise that would help to establish the interest of the EU27 in the transition and future relationship negotiations with the UK.