As per your request, please find below a brief update related to the milk project. As you can see, everything is moving according to plan.

**Status of carton design**
All designs have been approved, and everything is cleared from WFP for the two suppliers for both the tetra pack containers and the carton boxes. Finalized on 19 July 2016.

**Status of finalization of product specifications**
Product specifications were finalized in the beginning of June, and the tenders were issued shortly thereafter based on the agreed upon specifications.

**Brief overview of tendering process and country of origin**
- **The first tender** was issued on 8 June covering the requirement for the months of September to November 2016. A total of nine companies from the approved vendor list were invited, and two companies were awarded contracts:
  - Hoogwegt, Netherlands - Trader (producer is Lactogal based in Portugal),
  - Glanbia, Ireland;
- **The second tender** was finalized during the last week of July for the quantity covering the period December 2016 to January 2017. A total of ten companies were invited to tender, and the contracted was awarded to one supplier:
  - Hoogwegt, Netherlands - Trader (producer is Lactogal based in Portugal)
- Consequently, the countries of origin for the first tender will be Portugal and Ireland and for the second tender it will be Portugal

**Supply chain**
The first batch is expected to be delivered to Syria in September in time for the school start in September.
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