

To: art 4(1)(b)

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Subject: Report of the meeting with the Medical Nutrition International Industry, 29 February 2016

FYI

At her request, today we met art 4(1)(b) of the Medical Nutrition International Industry – MNI (Abbott, Baxter, B Braun, Fresenius Kabi, Nestlé health, Nutricia), whose mission is to have medical nutrition recognized. art 4(1)(b) aimed at exchanging views and receiving advice on how to achieve MNI's aim of an harmonized regulatory framework in ASEAN (ideally modelled on the EU regulatory framework).

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Currently, there are no restrictions on medical nutrition in ASEAN countries, but regulatory frameworks are different. The ASEAN market represents 12% yearly growth, to reach 700 mio US\$ by 2020; research centres are in SNG and IDN and manufacturing facilities are present all over the region.

MNI has identified priority countries to work on its aim in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia and set out its strategy in a white paper (in circulation within C2 unit with other documents for those interested).

MNI is soon travelling to these countries to seek their support and team up with local trade associations. The trip to Indonesia had however to be cancelled, due to difficulties in securing a meeting with the chief of the National Agency of food and drug control (BPOM) .

DG TRADE art 4(1)(b) :

- described briefly the current trade policy strategy in the area with individual countries and provided a brief description of the situation in the relevant ASEAN members. It recalled that the EU ultimate objective is a region-to-region agreement;

- out of scope [redacted]
- *With regard to the difficulties MNI singled out in organizing a meeting with BPOM in Indonesia (N.B. MNI had to cancel its trip to Jakarta due to the impossibility to meet BPOM chief), we briefly described the situation in loco from a trade policy view point and on the ground, and suggested that MNI should contact the EU delegation to obtain advice on the way the administration works and whom to contact in each relevant department-and in EUROCHAM. We indicated the possibility to discuss the issue at the level of bilateral working groups, and briefly mentioned that EU trade-related projects are focused on trade and investment assistance, in general (and not on specific products).*
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Best regards,
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