



Meeting with CELCAA

Meeting date and place
 Meeting held on 18/09/2018 09:30 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)		
[Art.4.1(b)]	-- CELCAA (TRN: 668595111914-81)	Participant.
[Art.4.1(b)]	-- Comité Européen des Entreprises Vins (TRN: 2663914841-28)	Participant.
[Art.4.1(b)]	-- European Liaison Committee for Agriculture and agri-food trade (TRN: 546282614966-51)	Participant.
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[Art.4.1(b)]	[Art.4.1(b)] - FRUCOM - European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables, Processed Fishery Products, Spices and Honey (TRN: 40306802522-39)	Participant.

Main issues discussed

CELCAA declared to be heavily affected by EU tariffs on agricultural produce, rebalancing US tariffs on steel and aluminium, especially on bourbon, kidney beans and rice. Besides, they thanked Trade for having shifted fresh cranberries in Annex II of the rebalancing regulation, delaying tariffs on this product to 2021 .

They questioned Trade on the process of the Executive Working Group and on the whole transatlantic strategy. [Art.4.1(a)]

Trade explained the process launched on 25 July by Presidents Juncker and Trump, aiming at a reduction of tariffs on "non-auto industrial goods" and at regulatory cooperation. Elimination of tariffs on steel (and of EU rebalancing measures) is equally included in the statements, although the US has not yet shown any concrete interest in removing tariffs. Unless measures are removed or their form modified, our tariffs will remain in force.

Trade invited the business association to increase outreach on the White House as Treasury Secretary Mnuchin recently referred to President satisfaction with the "steel plan".

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