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The Director-General

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Dear [REDACTED],
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I would like to thank you for your letter of 30 January 2018 sent to Commissioner Malmström concerning the treatment of citrus juice, and in particular orange juice, within the framework of the ongoing negotiations for an Association Agreement between the European Union and Mercosur countries.

I take due note of the interests of the Brazilian orange juice industry for getting new market access opportunities for duty-free exports of orange juice in the market of the European Union. The vision of your sector as a supplier of raw materials underpinning the competitiveness of some European companies and availability of produce throughout the whole year is also well noted.

A future agreement will enhance significantly market access opportunities for Brazilian orange juice exporters. In the context of discussions on orange juice I would like to reiterate the importance of also achieving satisfactory market access for EU exports of agricultural products to Mercosur having a similar level of ambition to the ones that the EU could envisage for orange juice.

The European Union is confident that such an outcome is within reach and that the future Agreement will bring additional economic benefits for our two blocs while at the same time respecting the existing sensitivities, including in the citrus sector, and the need to maintain the sustainability of our agricultural sectors.

Yours sincerely,

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