





## Meeting with ePURE




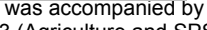

### Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 26/07/2019 10:00 in Charlemagne


### Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

	- - European Producers Union of Renewable Ethanol (TRN: 32591134448-30)	Participant,
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### Main issues discussed

On 26.7.2019  DG Trade C.3  met with  from the European Renewable Ethanol - E PURE.  was accompanied by  DG TRADE D.3 (Agriculture and SPS) Unit.

The representatives of EPURE wanted to receive further clarifications on the treatment of ethanol under the EU Mercosur FTA and especially the modalities of the 450,000 tonnes for 'chemical use'. They expressed the views that these (future duty-free) ethanol imports should be restricted to the production of chemicals listed in Chapter 29, excl. ETBE. They further expressed the hope that the volume that is currently imported without paying duty under inward processing for subsequent export would in future be imported under the new quota. The concerns of industry is that ethanol under a broader definition could be used for traditional products subject to only simple transformations, while in their view it should be restricted to innovative ones.

 took note of the position of EPURE. He recalled that the EU had achieved its key objective, namely to ring-fence the most sensitive and valuable part of the market, which is fuel use and which accounts for two thirds of EU ethanol consumption. This key market segment will be covered only through the far smaller part of the quota on which there is a significant in-quota.








EPURE acknowledged the importance of this outcome on fuel, while stressing their interest in also protecting chemical uses. They also recognised that the overall outcome of the negotiations for ethanol is not a bad result for the sector, quite in line with expectations and what had been discussed between industry and the Commission over the years.

The participants agreed to stay in contact and to be in touch in the autumn.

### Directorate or unit

TRADE C/3


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