CELCAA (EU agri food trade) meeting on EU-Mercosur negotiations

Meeting date and place
Meeting held on 05/09/2019 10:00 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)
- CELCAA (TRN: 668595111914-81) Participant,
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Main issues discussed
The CELCAA delegation thanked the Commission for setting up the meeting and requested to be updated regarding the process and timeline of the EU-Mercosur agreement, explaining that on the agreement per se there is not yet an “official position” from CELCAA. Of course some member organisations are more supportive of the agreement (CEEV on wines and spirits, ASSUC on sugar, EUCOLAIT on dairy) and other CELCAA members are more critical (UECB on livestock and meat). All the representatives requested to receive additional details on the agreement.

thanked CELCAA for their interest in the EU-Mercosur agreement and reiterated that the Commission is convinced that what was negotiated is indeed a good and balanced agreement, including for the European agri-food sector.

Regarding the process he explained that the Commission had been very transparent by publishing nearly all the texts of the agreement 2 weeks after the political conclusion and the missing IPR and GI Chapters shortly afterwards. The publication of the market access (including tariff) schedules will need additional time. The aim of the Commission is to finalise the legal revision, translate the agreement and present a Commission proposal in the course of 2020. agreed it is important to remain in close contact and offered the availability of his team to exchange information.

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