



Mercosur

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 05/04/2018 10:00 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

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Main issues discussed

Starch Europe (SE) wanted to have a discussion on the State of Play of the EU-Mercosur negotiations, in particular as regards for products belonging to the starch sector. Despite Mercosur not being a threat such as US or Thailand, they are still competitive producers of maize and tapioca based starch products. Therefore, SE defends a prudent approach which combines providing TRQ for key products while liberalising some less sensitive lines. SE also recalled importance that high value products (polyols) are kept in a TRQ separate from native starches given that the market volumes of the former are much narrower.

COM explained SoP in the overall negotiation and zoomed-in on starch products. A cautious approach is in effect being followed, considering the competitiveness of Mercosur on maize and tapioca.

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