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Meeting with US Soy Bean industry - New York, 23 April 2015

Presence: [Art. 4.1(b)] (USSEC), [redacted] (NOPA), [redacted] (USDA),
[redacted] (consultant), [redacted] (consultant), [redacted],
[redacted], [redacted] (TRADE)

In the margins of the TTIP negotiations last week in New York, we met upon request of the USTR with the US soy bean industry.

The industry basically wanted to inform us that they had applied earlier that week for a private sustainability scheme with the European Commission. They presented the different aspects of their application (compliance with sustainability criteria, GHG reduction and audit).

We expressed our satisfaction with the application, although we could not see anything more given the recent date and the fact that DG ENER is in charge of the application in the first place. We explained that the application is to be understood as a dialogue. Experts will assess their application in the coming months and the entire process may take up to one year (depending of course of the submitted information). We asked some additional questions on forecasted exports, on the determination of GHG reduction (at what level) and how the new thresholds for food based biofuels would affect them.