

**Subject: meeting with EURATEX on the TTIP, 19 July 2013**

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The following issues were discussed: tariffs, NTBs and RoO. FPP briefly debriefed on the discussions in Washington.

**A. TARIFFS**

Euratex underlined its tariff classification concerns. Textiles tariffs were not discussed specifically last week, and Euratex was asked to examine those sectors/subsectors/products (be it by product or by type of fibres) where the EU and the US have a particular interest, be it from an offensive or defensive point of view. Information on this around September would be valuable.

**B. NTBs**

Regarding the discussions on NTBs in the textiles cluster, there would be merits in industries from both sides of the Atlantic to find areas that could be subject to a common approach and proposals (e.g. on labelling).

**C. RoO**

The aim was to start to reflect and ask EURATEX views on how to treat the more restrictive approach followed by US and possibilities of cumulation. Has EURATEX received any information by US industry?

The US is sending a lot of inputs (yarns and fabrics) to Mexico and Central American countries (much less to Peru and Colombia) and there is high US investment in those countries in garments production, which might make them interested in permitting those countries to cumulate with US inputs. On the other hand the US is sticking to the triple transformation in the TPP context.

EURATEX is waiting for the outcome of the Canada negotiations (CETA) and the implementation of the origin quota derogations in the EU-Central America FTA before being in a position to reflect on any possible cumulation with those countries (NAFTA/CAFTA). [ **NOT RELEASABLE** ]

EURATEX noted that in the US approach some materials are more sensitive than others, i.e. cotton products and elastomers. [ **NOT RELEASABLE** ]

It was announced an imminent consultation by TRADE/TAXUD on product specific rules issues and EURATEX promised a paper on several issues for September.

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