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The trade association Food and Drink Europe was interested in TTIP. The association representing the EU food sector presented a list of NTM (attached) produced in cooperation with Copa Cogeca – representing the EU farmers. They explained that most of the issues identified included SPS and some were TBT issues. Food and Drink Federation added that: they are monitoring also obstacles to imports into the EU and possible future issues including the US draft regulation reforming the food safety sector. They also mentioned being in touch with the US food sector.

DG TRADE thanked Food and Drink Federation for the proactive cooperation and also added that the services analysed the paper and that DG TRADE was aware of the barriers flagged. At services level, the SPS team may go back to Food and Drink federation for possible technical clarifications. DG TRADE also provided an overview of the process with the caveat that US government shutdown impacted the pace of the negotiation. Other trade agreements including TPP and CETA were briefly mentioned for their possible impact on TTIP.

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