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Report meeting with SpiritsEurope on ASEAN - 19 April 2017

Report meeting with SpiritsEurope and members (Pernod Ricard, Moët-Hennessy, FEVS) to discuss state of play of negotiations with ASEAN countries – 19 April 2017:

Participants SpiritsEurope: 4.1(b)

- Updates on ongoing FTA efforts (ASEAN, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, India) were asked and given.
- **Indonesia:** Wine & spirits lobby concerned about possible ban on alcohol. NTBs: licensing and registration process are too cumbersome. 4.2, SpiritsEurope suggests a brainstorming on how to avoid future re-compensation of tariff liberalisation by taxation / excise duties. Reference was made to the consultation procedure that was foreseen under TPP. COM referred to its well-known position that COM is not mandated to negotiate taxation issues in FTAs.
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