

## **FLASH REPORT: Conference call with TABC, 12 December 2013**

Commission: Marco Dueerkop, Maria Zuber

TABC: [ ART 4.1b ] (Fragome) [ ART 4.1b ] (EY), [ ART 4.1b ] (TABC),  
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During the conference call TABC debriefed about its meeting with USTR on 6 December. [ ART 4.1b ] informed that the USTR put the negotiations against the background of (a) a well-known position of Congress, which is not to include migratory issues in trade agreements, (b) ongoing process of the Immigration Reform, (c) imbalance of requests (EU's asks are much stronger). Referring to the latter, [ ART 4.1b ] added that the USTR requested TABC to collect examples of problems that the US industry faces in the EU. [ ART 4.1b ] also noted that USTR was interested in division of competences in the EU, MS' sensitivities and the limits of the EU's action. Pointing at stance of the Congress, [ ART 4.1b ] saw the only solution in asking for what lies in strict competence of executive branch.