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**MEETING REPORT  
 MEETING WITH COPA-COGECA, 5 DECEMBER 2017**

**Subject: Negotiations with Mercosur**

Participants

COPA-COGECA: Pekka Pesonen (Secretary General); Arnaud Petit (Director Commodities and Trade)

Commission: M. Ceballos Barrón (CAB Malmström); [Art. 4(1)(b)](TRADE/D3)

Main issues discussed

COPA-COGECA conveyed concerns over the EU offer for beef and called on the Commission to follow the 'single pocket' approach. COPA-COGECA also stressed the need for a good outcome on geographical indications.

The Commission reassured that any concession on beef would be limited to a well-calibrated quota; an important aspect of the negotiation was the elimination of export taxes to reduce the cost of imported feed for EU livestock. The Commission added that the work on geographical indications was progressing well but procedures take time.

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