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In addition to the report below, I am sending herewith a short report drafted by [REDACTED] regarding last week's meeting with Mr Yvon. He seemed unaware of the issue linked to Scotch Whisky raised by Diageo below.

DEL ([REDACTED]) met Mr Bruno Yvon, new president and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] MHD Moet Hennessy Diageo K.K. on 27 October at DEL. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mr Yvon to us while discussing the main outcome of the EPA for wines and spirits.

- The procedures for the EPA do not require approval by MS level if investment protection and dispute settlement are treated separately.
- Regarding GIs, the agreement guarantees high level of protection. Phase out of prior uses for wines and spirits is set at 5 years. Japanese (MoF/NTA) public comment was just finalised but there should be no surprises.
- Concerning wine additives both sides have committed to speedy approval of a set of substances: Japan would approve some of them at EIF, within 2 years and within 5 years. As Japan is not OIV member, they do not recognise international standards. However, this exercise should support the industry to expand their product line for exports to Japan.
- Besides the advantage of tariff reduction for the sector, progress has been made on various NTBs including SPS issues.
- Concerning Brexit, Mr Yvon asked about the future protection of GI "Scotch". DEL responded that while the UK is a member, the protection is there but it's still to be seen how to handle this once the UK leaves.
- Ms [REDACTED] provided an update on the lot code issue. She reported that in addition to NTA, MHLW/ METI/ MAFF also sent an information notice to the industry to educate them about the lot code.

