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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
SPS MARKET ACCESS WORKING GROUP
BRUSSELS, 11 APRIL 2013**

Participants:

EU Member States: BE, BG, CZ, DE, ES, FR, FI, HU, IE, LT, LV, NL, PL, PT, SE, SI, UK

EU Business associations: Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board - AHDB, AVEC, CLITRAVI, COPA-COGECA, Danish Agriculture and Food Council, Danish Dairy Board, Dutch Flower Auctions Association – VBN, European Dairy Association – EDA, European Potato Trade Association - EUROPATAT, ELC/Federation of European Specialty Ingredients, EUCOLAIT, EX PLA, Novozymes/DSM, European Pet Food Industry - FEDIAF/Nestle, Food Drink Europe, FRESHFEL, PROFEL, spiritsEUROPE, Tessengerlo, Union Fleurs

European Commission: DG TRADE, DG SANCO, DG AGRI, EU Delegation in Brasilia

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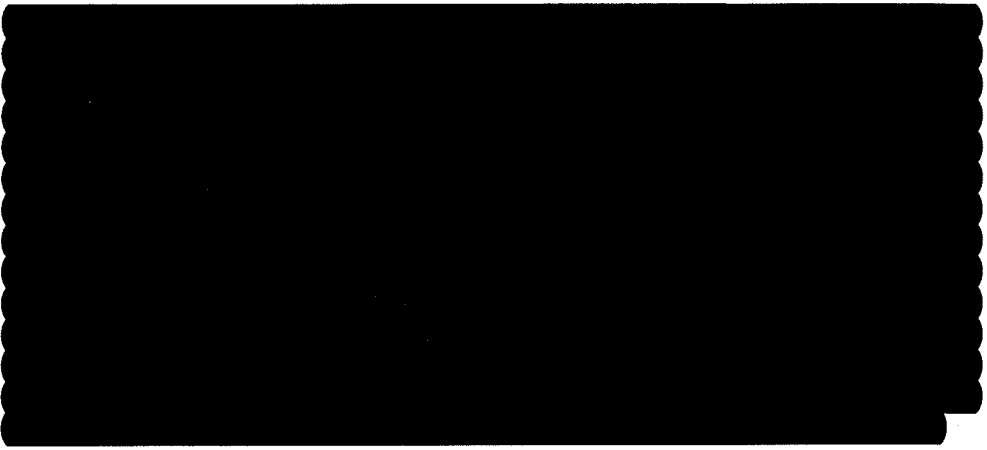
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Upcoming EU/USA TTIP: The negotiations are due to start in the beginning of the Summer 2013. COM recalled that the preparatory work of the EU-US High Level Working Group (HLWG) had been accompanied by confidence building actions in the SPS field. The same process is to be expected in parallel with actual negotiations, as announced in the HLWG final report. This process also holds the opportunity for the EU to also seek resolution of outstanding specific SPS concerns. Therefore, the Commission calls on Member States and industry to urgently update the current list of SPS market access concerns towards the US. by 24 May 2013 [date corrected after meeting!].	ASAP and by 24 May 2013
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Upcoming EU/USA FTA: COM recalled that the preparatory work of the EU-US High Level Working Group (HLWG) had been accompanied by confidence building actions in the SPS field like the EU approval of lactic acid, or a number of US decisions recognizing EU regionalisation decisions. The same process is to be expected in parallel with actual negotiations, as announced in the HLWG final report. This process also holds the opportunity for the EU to also seek resolution of outstanding specific SPS concerns. Therefore, the Commission calls on Member States and industry to **urgently update the current list of SPS market access concerns** towards the US. 24 May 2013. ASAP and by 24 May 2013

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