

THE VOICE OF EUROPEAN TRADERS IN AGRI-FOOD COMMODITIES



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The views of the trade in agri-food on EU Trade Policy Review-

An Open, Sustainable and Assertive Trade Policy

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What we represent



35 000 trading companies
from SMEs to global companies

**DG AGRI Data on
2020 Trade:
Exports in 2020:
€184.3 billion.**

**Positive trade
balance in agri-
food.**

1- EU must remain champion of rules-based trade and open and fair trade

- Taking the lead in reforming the WTO and its dispute settlement mechanism to make it fit for today's challenges
- EU trade policy fully in line with WTO rules
- As the first agri-food trader globally, EU must remain open for business with the rest of the world
- Limiting the exposure of agri-food sector to unrelated disputes

2- Trade supports resilience of food chain and contributes to food security

- Resilience of the supply chain during Covid-19
- Increased resilience through further diversification of supply chains
- Well-functioning internal market without undue barriers
- Importance of improved market access through new FTAs
- Trade part of the solution for economic recovery

3- Implementation and enforcement

- Welcome focus on implementation of FTAs and WTO commitments
- Very important benefits for agri-food in recent FTAs (Japan, Vietnam, Canada ...)
- Key role of Chief Trade Enforcement Officer

4- Transition towards enhanced sustainability based on cooperation and international standards

- Recognition of the role of the trade in sustainable food systems
- Cooperation and collaboration as the way forward
- New chapter on sustainable food systems: a good example for promotion of EU standards and values
- EU legislation affecting imports must be WTO compliant and not lead to retaliation towards EU exports

5- Consultation of business associations

- DG Trade Expert Group should be set up again
- Consultation of business during negotiations and in the implementation phase
- Welcome Access2Markets

6- Key priorities in the short term

- Proper and pragmatic implementation of the EU-UK TCA with the goal to minimise friction
- Normalisation of EU-US relations, in particular permanent removal of all tariffs on agricultural products arising from the aircraft and steel & aluminium disputes
- Fast ratification of the EU-Mexico agreement
- Finalisation of the EU-Mercosur agreement with the appropriate guarantees
- Conclusion of the on-going negotiations
- On-going efforts to consolidate partnership with China
- Effective engagement in Asia
- Saving the multilateral trading system
- Strong promotion policy targeting export markets
- Inclusive Farm to Fork Strategy