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Report: Meeting with COPA-COGECA, 2 March 2020

Participants

- COPA COGECA: [redacted]
- DG AGRI: John A. Clarke (Director A), [redacted] (A3)

Topics discussed

EU-US relations: COPA-COGECA made a positive feedback on comments USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue made during his visit to Europe. The COPA-COGECA representatives had found Secretary Perdue constructive on trade cooperation. They said that, in a direct exchange, Mr Perdue did not oppose the value of protecting genuine foods (with geographical indications) and recognized the domestic difficulties to negotiate an agreement where everything (including public procurements or GIs) is on the table. The US also put particular emphasis on a specific regulation for new gene editing techniques. On the aircraft dispute, COPA-COGECA said they had taken the US decision not to escalate the Airbus sanctions on EU agriculture as a sign of good will, and called for a quick resolution of the aircraft dispute and removal of the US tariffs. On the prospect of a "mini-package", COPA-COGECA enquired about the timing and content of such package. DG AGRI referred to a possible visit of Commissioner Hogan and President von der Leyen to DC mid-March, and indicated that discussions on agriculture in that context focussed on certain SPS-related trade irritants. The COPA-COGECA representatives informed that they would soon meet USDA [redacted] out of scope and [redacted] out of scope).

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