

STATEMENT

EU agri-food chain organisations welcome the continuation of the EU-Japan free trade talks

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Copa-Cogeca, FoodDrinkEurope and CELCAA welcome last week's decision by the Member States to continue the negotiations of the Free Trade Agreement with Japan. The EU agri-food chain partners are pleased that the negotiations have received the go-ahead. They are certain that this Agreement will have a significant positive impact on both our economies by further opening markets and improving regulatory coherence. The next round of negotiations will be held in Tokyo from 7 - 11 July 2014.

For information:

In 2012 and 2013 EU food chain organisations' made first joint statements in favour of a FTA with Japan. See:

http://www.fooddrinkeurope.eu/uploads/statements_documents/Joint_statement.pdf

http://www.fooddrinkeurope.eu/uploads/statements_documents/Joint_statement_EU-Japan_Summit_%28agri-food%29_%28FINAL%29.pdf

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