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CELCAA welcomes the Council signature of CETA and urges the European Parliament to give its consent for a swift implementation of the agreement

Meeting on 30th October 2016 in Brussels, the EU and Canada signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The European Parliament must now give its consent before many provisions of the agreement can be provisionally implemented, in January 2017.

For the EU agricultural trade, the increased market access, the protection of many European GIs and a fast track process for SPS issues provided in CETA are key vectors to support the growth and employment in the agricultural sector in Europe. President of CELCAA, Paul Rooke declared: *'The outcome of CETA is balanced and ambitious for agriculture and promises to be positive for the EU agricultural sector and the agri-food traders who are SMEs in great majority'*.

***CELCAA** is the EU umbrella association representing EU organisations covering the trade in cereals, grains, oils and fats, sugar, fruit and vegetables, olive oil, agro-supply, animal feed, wine, meat and meat products, dairy and dairy products, eggs and egg products, poultry and game, tobacco, spices, cut flowers and plants and general produces. Members include CEEV, CIBC, COCERAL, EUCOLAIT, EUWEP, FETRATAB, GAFTA, SACAR and UECBV. CELCAA's main objectives are to facilitate understanding of European decision-makers and stakeholders on the role played by the European traders in agri-products; to act as a platform of dialogue and communication with the European Institutions and to encourage public and general interests in agri-trade issues.*

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