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## CELCAA welcomes the finalisation of the EU-Japan trade deal

CELCAA welcomes the announcement made on 8th December 2017 by President Juncker and Prime Minister Abe on the finalisation of the EU-Japan trade deal. For the European agri-food traders, the EU-Japan trade deal is ambitious, including both a comprehensive reduction of import tariffs but also reduction of non-tariff barriers to trade such as SPS barriers.

This finalisation of the deal comes in a timely manner and the European agri-food traders calls for an early adoption of the trade deal by the European Council and European Parliament, that would translate into an implementation of the trade concessions in 2019.

The trade deal will allow greater market access for European products, such as wine, meat and dairy and GIs will be protected, while European Consumers will also have full access to Japanese products. CELCAA looks forward to have the full details of the Free Trade Agreement deal.


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