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### **CELCAA statement on the conclusion of the EU-Australia FTA negotiations**

CELCAA celebrates the conclusion of negotiations between the EU and Australia for a free trade agreement. After talks entered a hiatus in 2023, we were pleased to see their revival and the galvanised level of ambition in recent months.

The agreement presents ample opportunities for both exporters and importers. Looking specifically at EU products, once the agreement is applied, exports of EU dairy to Australia are expected to increase by nearly 50%, supported by immediate tariff elimination for cheese. Tariff elimination from day one of application will benefit a wide range of agri-food sectors. The agreement also protects 165 food and drink geographical indications and 231 spirit drink GIs and delivers a modernised bilateral wine agreement updating EU wine GI and traditional term protection in Australia.

Appropriate safeguards have been built into the agreement with respect to more sensitive product lines.

Geopolitically, the conclusion of this agreement sends a powerful message of co-operation and strong ties between two developed economies and is a strategic move towards enhanced food security. We look forward to a speedy and efficient ratification process so that the benefits can be realised as soon as possible.

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