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Dear Mr Herranz,

**Subject: Italian mandatory country of origin labelling decree: letter to suppliers in other EU Member State from Italian company**

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 February 2017 on the above-mentioned subject.

Firstly, I would like to specify that the practise of the Italian company, as outlined in your letter, does not go against the mutual recognition clause included in the Italian legislation in question but is related to the business to business relationships. Such economic transactions and their specific conditions are not covered by the Italian Decree on the origin indication.

Having said that, I have taken note of your comments and concerns regarding a potential negative impact of the Italian labelling scheme on origin labelling on the Internal market for milk sector. As you may be aware, the recent national measures, including the Italian one, are of temporary nature.

The Member States concerned are committed to submit to the Commission, by the end of the notified temporary national schemes, a report on their functioning and the possible impact on the Internal market. Any evidence you may be able to share on the practical experience with these schemes, will help the Commission to assess the real effect of the labelling obligations in question on the food chain.

Yours sincerely,

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