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Dear Mr Likitalo,

Subject: Italian draft decree on the mandatory indication of origin of milk and milk used as an ingredient

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2016 on the above-mentioned subject and addressed to Commissioner Andriukaitis. I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

I have taken a good note of your comments and considerations. At this occasion, I would also like to inform you that, after a comprehensive assessment of the French notified draft you are referring to in your letter, the Commission did not issue a negative opinion on the draft measure in question by the end of the standstill period laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

In this context, the Commission informed the French authorities that it would not raise objections on the notified measure which is limited in time. Furthermore, the Commission asked that the potential effects of the draft measure on the Internal Market, including its impact on imported goods from other Member States are evaluated in the context of the report to be submitted by the French authorities in 2018. The Commission also reminded the French authorities of their notification obligations under the WTO agreement.

Any new national legislation in the field of the origin indication, including that notified recently by the Italian authorities, will be individually assessed by the Commission in the light of the overall objective of the EU legislation, and in particular, Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. The free movement of goods and a strong Internal Market will be among the core aspects of such assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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