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CELCAA welcomes the provisional application of CETA

The provisional application of the Comprehensive and Economic Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada comes to effect today, 21st September 2017. This provisional application comes after the European Council decision in October 2016 to sign the agreement and the ratification in February 2017 by the European Parliament.

CELCAA, the European Umbrella of the trade in agri-food and agri-commodities products welcomes the provisional application as it will increase market access for many EU agri-food products, protect the European GIs and provides a fast track process for SPS issues.

Paul Rooke, President of CELCAA declared: *'The outcome of the CETA negotiations have been considered positive by our membership. Many of our export-driven sectors, like the wine, fresh fruit and vegetables and dairy sectors, expect CETA to deliver on increased market access, protection of GIs and dismantling of non-tariff barriers. It is now time to see the concrete delivery.'*

***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 UECEBV. 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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