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MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE MODERNISATION OF THE TRADE PILLAR OF THE EU-CHILE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT – DRAFT INCEPTION REPORT

Date: 04 July 2018

Time: 14:00-16:00

Location: Centre Albert Borschette, Room 4.B, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

Lead speakers

- Matthias Jørgensen, Head of the Latin America Unit, DG Trade, European Commission
- Derk Bienen BKP Development Research, Study Coordinator/Team Leader, accompanied by study team members

Moderator

Eeva Tella, Civil Society Coordination, DG Trade, European Commission

Panel Presentation

In the **opening remarks**, DG Trade started by clarifying that a Civil Society Dialogue on the EU-Chile on-going negotiations was organised with both EU and Chilean Chief Negotiators on 29th May, back-to-back to the 3rd round of negotiations and therefore the meeting will focus only on the presentation of the SIA draft inception report. The Commission also took the opportunity to highlight the importance of the negotiations being transparent and inclusive. The publication of the negotiation directives, all EU initial textual proposals, both by the EU and Chile, the reports of the rounds as well as ensuring frequent discussions with civil society, again both in Chile and the EU, were examples of the good level of transparency and constructive dialogue with stakeholders. Humane Society International/Europe requested information on where to find Chile's textual proposals. DG Trade responded that the link would be provided.¹

The opening remarks were followed by the **study team's presentation** of the draft inception report² focussing on (1) the proposed methodology for analysing the

¹ <https://www.direcon.gob.cl/cuarto-adjunto/acuerdo-de-modernizacion-chile-union-europea/> (summary information on the negotiations is provided in Spanish but the textual proposals are in English)

² <http://www.trade-sia-chile.eu/images/Inception-Report-EU-Chile-SIA-draft-2018-06-29.pdf>

modernised agreement's impact across the four sustainability pillars; (2) preliminary findings regarding each of the pillars; (3) the methodology and results of the selection of economic sectors and topics for sector studies and cases studies; and (4) the consultation plan. The corresponding slides are available on the CSD meeting webpage.³

Discussion Highlights / Questions and Replies

Eurogroup for Animals noted that the draft inception report did not address animal welfare issues, which may be affected by the modernised trade agreement. Examples provided were the use of antibiotics in salmon farming as well as dairy and meat production. A case study on animal welfare was suggested which should also address how the modernisation of the agreement could be used for the promotion of animal welfare. **DG Trade** clarified that animal welfare had not been explicitly included in the scope of the SIA because the incorporation of animal welfare into the EU initial proposal for a SPS chapter had only recently been decided by the Commission. Therefore, the **study team** took note and will analyse the possibility of addressing animal welfare in the analysis.

Humane Society International/Europe requested a clarification why, in the sector selection, the environmental impact of ruminant meats, other meats and poultry was ranked as "low", although these sectors are among the ones with the highest environmental impacts. The **study team** clarified that the scoring of environmental impact (as well as other impact categories) in the sector selection did not refer to the overall impact of a sector, but to the anticipated environmental impact which the modernised agreement would have for the sector. Resulting from the low expected economic effect on the meat and poultry sectors (primarily a consequence of the fact that these are already liberalised under the existing agreement), the knock-on environmental impact was also seen as low. **DG Trade** recommended to further clarify this issue in the inception report.

Humane Society International/Europe also suggested that an overview table of the EU's and Chile's ratification status of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) be included in the inception report. The **study team** stated that this was foreseen to be included in the interim report, due to page limitations for the inception report.

In terms of potential case studies, **Humane Society International/Europe** suggested salmon farming and its impact on biodiversity, as well as fisheries more widely, due to overfishing and trawl-fishing practices and the ensuing problems with overexploitation and bycatch. The **study team** will analyse this request.

The **European Economic and Social Committee** suggested that there is a possible impact of the modernised agreement on the rate of disabilities due to growth in the construction and mining sectors (given the number of accidents at work in both which may result in disabilities). The EESC pointed out that it is important to ensure quality of buildings in the construction sector and that loss of lives in the mining sector should be minimised. The EESC also suggested further research of the impact of the modernised agreement on employment of persons with disabilities. The **study team** responded that this was indeed planned for the analysis and that, given limitations in data and information available in the literature, the input from stakeholders to be obtained during the consultations would be crucial. Concerning the rate of accidents at work, this is an element of job quality (health and safety at work) and in this case the ongoing EU-Chile policy

³ Direct link: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/civilsoc/meetdetails.cfm?meet=11522>

dialogue on employment and decent work will play an important role as a source of information and an influencing factor.

The **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung** requested a clarification on two issues related to the consultations, i.e. whether the “regional workshops” referred to workshops in regions in Chile, and whether the table of stakeholders [see slide 35] was the result of the stakeholder mapping. The **study team** responded that the regional workshops indeed referred to workshops in different regions of Chile and were planned in order to increase outreach to stakeholders beyond those represented in, or being in close proximity of, Santiago. The study team also clarified that the table of stakeholders presented was not the result of the stakeholder mapping but only a summary showing the composition of identified stakeholders. The mapping was done with the purpose of structuring the consultations and identifying the key stakeholders, and was recorded in a more comprehensive stakeholder database.

Potential action point/deadline

In order to allow for a timely finalisation of the inception report, DG Trade requested that **any additional comments on the draft inception report be provided in writing through the SIA website⁴ or by email (contact@trade-sia-chile.eu) by Friday, 13 July 2018.**

⁴ <http://trade-sia-chile.eu>