



**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE DIALOGUE ON TRADE**  
**BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**BELARUS**  
**AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR TRADE OF THE EUROPEAN**  
**COMMISSION**

**14 JULY 2020, VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks, including overview of the latest developments in bilateral trade, impact of COVID-19 on trade, trade-related measures taken in the context of COVID-19
2. Update on Belarus (BY)' WTO Accession process
3. SPS and agricultural trade-related issues
  - *Export and transit of poultry products, eggs to/through the territory of the EU. (Belarus requests for transit of poultry meat, eggs and products thereof to third countries);*
  - *Request by Belarus' for recognition of OIE official status on foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and transfer (removal) of Belarus from the list of countries at risk of FMD to the list of countries not at risk of FMD;*
  - *Request by EU for recognition of the principle of regionalization in relation to export of live pigs, pig meat and pig meat products (related to the occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF));*
  - *Request by Belarus for permission to transit under customs seal through the territory of the EU of beef, pork, all types of beef or pork meat products (treatment method D mentioned in Decision 2007/777/EC) produced by Belarusian enterprises, to the Kaliningrad region and third countries;*

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- *EU audits on animal health and poultry (postponed till 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic);*
  - *Update on request by Belarus to export potatoes to the EU market;*
  - *Restrictions on import of EU seed and ware potatoes into Belarus*
4. EU import/export restrictions
- *Restrictions on import of wooden packages from Belarus;*
  - *EU requirement of export certificate on mushrooms (after Council Regulation (EC) No 733/2008 of 15 July 2008 expired);*
  - *State of play regarding the export of glass eels to Belarus*
  - *Latvian Draft Regulation "Safety requirements against ionizing radiation regarding radionuclide caesium 137Cs in wood imported from third countries".*
5. BY import/export restrictions to the EU
- *Export restrictions on wood;*
  - *Export restrictions on hides and skins;*
  - *Export restrictions on flax;*
  - *Export restrictions on scrap metal;*
  - *Export restrictions on wastepaper;*
  - *Import restrictions on construction materials, including cement, plasterboard and glass;*
  - *Mandatory payments for carriers when submitting electronic TIR pre-declarations to the Belarusian customs authorities.*
6. Concluding remarks (including regional aspects of relevance to bilateral trade (Eurasian Economic Union and Eastern Partnership))