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Directorate B. Multilateral relations, quality policy
The Director

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Subject: EU-US Organic Equivalence Arrangement – Review of the operation of the mutual recognition and of the Organics Working Group

Dear Mr McEvoy,

The European Commission services have reviewed the operations of the EU-US organic equivalence arrangement that was established in 2012. The review, which is a requirement of the arrangement, has found that the arrangement has been instrumental in increasing market access for producers, expanding consumer choices, and facilitating regulatory cooperation.

The Organics Working Group, which was established as part of the equivalency arrangement, has been crucial in the development of this trade relationship. We look forward to the continued success and prosperity of the relationship.

In the spirit of cooperation, the European Commission services would like to re-affirm its commitment to the organic equivalency arrangement with the US and to reducing barriers to trade in organic products through greater harmonization.

Yours sincerely,

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