

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the papers submitted to Mancom on 14th May. I note your request for views on the Bilan . I am Chairman of the EPA EBA London Sugar Group which represents 29 national industries supplying raw sugar to the EU. We embrace all the existing Sugar Protocol countries , the Dom Rep and all the active LDC suppliers including some non ACP suppliers. The question of a CQ has been matter for discussion informally with the Commission for some time and we have been awaiting final figures on DOM production and DC data. We are aware that second stream EBA sugar is also a factor and will be communicating our estimate of this in the near future. This is to some extent a circular debate as it depends on reallocations of Sugar Protocol shortfalls to EBA suppliers

As most of the relevant suppliers will be represented at a Ministerial meeting in Georgetown next week I would hope that we might make progress on this particular issue in time for your next Mancom on 28th May. I will contact you about this before hand

Kind Regards

Barry Newton In a message dated 15/05/2009 17:14:24 GMT Standard Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Dear stakeholder,

1. At yesterday's Sugar Management Committee meeting the Commission presented revised working documents on import requirements from October 2009. The texts include provisions in square brackets which are still to be agreed internally within the Commission. Please let me know if you have any comments.

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2. A draft regulation was agreed which amended the delivery obligations under the Sugar Protocol, following the reallocation agreed between ACP countries. This will be published in early June. A spreadsheet detailing current and previous delivery obligation figures was tabled.

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3. The Commission presented an updated raw sugar balance sheet. The FR DOM figure in row II, has been revised downwards from the previous balance sheet of 29 January, from 147Kt to 123Kt. Direct consumption (V.c.) was revised upwards to 180Kt from 116t (this figure was only given verbally and not included in the table). No figure was given for stream II EBA imports, however it is likely to be less than the 200Kt. An updated completed balance sheet, will be presented at the next meeting. If the figures show it is necessary, a vote on a draft regulation to open a Complementary Quantity quota, will take place on 11 June. I would be grateful for any views you may have on the balance.

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4. The Commission presented a working document showing the transitional state aid applied by member states under Article 182 of regulation 1234/2007 and the calculation used.

<<Working Document.pdf>>

5. The commission hoped that a text relating to the European Court of Justice ruling on the overpayment of sugar production levies would be available in June.

6. Various statistics were circulated.

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7. The next meeting will take place on 28 May.

Regards,


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