

Dear [REDACTED]

Just to confirm [REDACTED] message that I (with [REDACTED]) am now the main contact for London based sugar industry suppliers to the EU. I am Chairman of the EPA EBA London Sugar Group ( an awful mouthful which must be changed ). The membership comprises 29 countries and includes 4 LDC's who are not ACP countries and are therfeore not covered by the EPA arrangements. For your interest I attach a spread sheet which lists all the current members and some potential LDC suppliers who have previously expressed interest

As regards the latest draft Import Regulation my first impression is that the Commission have reacted favourably to some of our suggestions and have also resisted some of the Member States attempts to be more restrictive on implementation of the Thresholds. I would expect there to be a continued ACP objection to the Full Time Refiners ' licence preference . We would also wish to soften the automatic application of the Thresholds to allow for a review of market conditions at the time.

Quite separately there is concern being expressed about the impact on market balances of the apparent intention of the Commission to offer what to us seem to be significant duty free TRQ's to Central America and Andean Goups.

As [REDACTED] has told you we shall be discussing all these issues with our Brussels Embassy colleagues on Thursday 30th followed by a Joint Technical meeting with the Commission. We will contact you again after that

Kind Regards

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