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President

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Mr President,
Dear Nikša,
Dear Members of the Special Committee on Agriculture,

It's time to act: today's European dairy situation

Over the past weeks, we, EDA*, have regularly updated and alerted the competent services of the EU Commission at all levels on the Covid-19 induced developments on the European and international dairy markets.

With our letter of 17th March 2020 we have urged the European Commission to show the support of Europe for the dairy sector in activating the Private Storage Aid (part II of Regulation (EU) 1308/2013) scheme for powder, butter and (all types of) cheeses (and frozen curd).

Prior to the videoconference meeting of the European Ministers of Agriculture on 25th March 2020, we called upon the Ministers of Agriculture to flag up the dairy situation and to ask for support measures for the European lactosphere.

Today, we see national support schemes developing and already in place, that have – by definition - a limited impact.



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Dear Nikša,
Dear Members of the Special Committee on Agriculture,

The European dairy industry is doing every effort it takes to live up to our societal responsibility and to assure the collection, processing and distribution of milk and dairy across our Union in today's extraordinary circumstances.

To guarantee the sustainable future of our essential and vital sector for Europe, for its citizens and for its economy, we ask for your **immediate support in urging the EU Commission to activate the PSA scheme.**

We know, we can count on you.

Puno vam hvala,
Vive l'Europe et vive le lait,

Yours faithfully,

Michel Nalet

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