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Draft opinion

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Amendment 1

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on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

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Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the EU agricultural sector is a very sensitive and essential part of the TTIP negotiations and ***one in which the EU, which already enjoys a significant trade surplus with the US***, stands to benefit ***greatly*** from new or increased market access opportunities;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU agricultural sector is a very sensitive and essential part of the TTIP negotiations and stands to benefit from new or increased market access opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 2

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on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 29, 32

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas it is important for European agriculture to secure a mutually beneficial trade deal with the US in order to advance Europe's position as a key player on the global market;

Amendment

B. whereas it is important for European agriculture to secure a mutually beneficial trade deal with the US in order to advance Europe's position as a key player on the global market ***without jeopardising the current quality standards of European agricultural products and future improvement of those standards, while preserving the European agricultural model and ensuring its economic and social viability***;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 34, 35, 37, 41, 43

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas respect for food safety *and* human and animal health standards will be a fundamental tenet of the negotiations for European agriculture;

Amendment

C. whereas respect for *European* food safety, human, *plant* and animal health, *animal welfare, environmental and consumer protection* standards will be a fundamental tenet of the negotiations for European agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 80, 82, 85, 86, 90, 143

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point a

Draft opinion

a. prioritise an ambitious and balanced result of the negotiations for agriculture, *the three main* components of which (market access, geographical indications and sanitary and phytosanitary measures) should be tackled early and in parallel in the negotiation process, in order to give Parliament *enough* time to discuss and evaluate this chapter with stakeholders *and* European citizens;

Amendment

a. prioritise an ambitious and balanced result of the negotiations for agriculture, *a sector which must not be used as a bargaining chip in efforts to secure access to the US market for other sectors and the key* components of which (market access, geographical indications and sanitary and phytosanitary measures) should be tackled early and in parallel in the negotiation process, *whilst maintaining food safety standards and consumer protection*, in order to give Parliament *sufficient* time *and clarity* to discuss and evaluate this chapter with stakeholders, European citizens, *civil society and social partners, focusing in particular on farmers and small family holdings*;

Amendment 5

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 102 to 104, 110, 112, 114, 115

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point b

Draft opinion

b. firmly commit to the strict preservation of standards on food safety and human *and animal health*, as defined under EU legislation, and ensure that fundamental values of the EU such as the precautionary principle are not undermined;

Amendment

b. firmly commit to the strict preservation of *current and future* standards on food safety and human health, *plant health and crop and environmental protection, consumer protection and animal health and welfare* as defined under EU legislation and ensure that *the enhancement of these standards is in no way hampered in the future and that* fundamental values of the EU such as the precautionary principle *and sustainable farming* are not undermined, *and EU citizens can continue to have confidence in the traceability and labelling of products on the EU market* ;

Amendment 6

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 139, 141

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point c

Draft opinion

c. ensure a positive final outcome of the negotiations for agriculture reflecting both the offensive and defensive interests of the EU agricultural sector concerning the abolition or reduction of both tariff and

Amendment

c. ensure a positive *and ambitious* final outcome of the negotiations for agriculture, reflecting both the offensive and defensive interests of the EU agricultural sector concerning the abolition or reduction of

non-tariff barriers, including in particular sanitary and phytosanitary standards and procedures, so that EU producers make genuine gains in terms of access to the US market;

both tariff and non-tariff barriers, including in particular sanitary and phytosanitary standards and procedures, ***securing a strong position for high quality European products*** so that EU producers make genuine gains in terms of access to the US market ***and consider that measures to protect consumers and their health or maintain food safety should not be regarded as non-tariff barriers***;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 151 to 155, 160, 162 to 164, 166, 170, 175, 181

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point d

Draft opinion

d. secure a level playing field, treating as sensitive those products for which direct competition would expose EU agricultural producers to excessive pressure, for example in cases where regulatory conditions and related costs of production in the EU diverge from those in the US;

Amendment

d. secure a level playing field, treating as sensitive those products ***or sectors*** for which direct ***and indirect*** competition would expose EU agricultural producers ***including smallholder farmers, either in the EU as a whole or individual regions thereof***, to excessive pressure ***or unfair competition***, for example in cases where regulatory conditions and related costs of production, ***such as animal housing requirements***, in the EU diverge from those in the US, ***and consider all possible options for treatment of all sensitive products including tariff reduction and limited tariff rate quotas***;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 182 to 186, 189, 191, 194, 196, 198

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Paragraph 1 – point e

Draft opinion

e. secure ***significantly improved*** protection of EU geographical indications ***and better consumer information*** as an essential element of a balanced agreement, ***taking the relevant chapter of the CETA with Canada as a good example;***

Amendment

e. secure ***appropriate legal*** protection ***on the US market for*** EU geographical indications ***and quality EU agricultural products, and measures to deal with improper use, misleading information and practices, and secure protection regarding the labelling, traceability and genuine origin of agricultural products*** as an essential element of a balanced agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 210, 214

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point f

Draft opinion

f. engage in a fully transparent, timely and comprehensive manner with ***all*** agricultural stakeholders on all aspects of the negotiations.

Amendment

f. engage in a fully transparent, timely and comprehensive manner with ***the European Parliament, all national parliaments and the*** agricultural stakeholders on all aspects of the negotiations ***and ensure compliance with all legislation on which our European agricultural and social model is based.***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Paolo De Castro, James Nicholson

on behalf of the S&D Group, on behalf of the ECR Group

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 221, 223

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Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

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Amendment

fa. submit without delay a clear and objective study on the impact of TTIP on European agriculture, sector by sector, particularly its impact on small family farms and engage in a timely and transparent manner with research institutions, both public and private, that work in the area of food safety and can provide considerable input to all aspects of the negotiations.

Or. en