



To the attention of:

Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska

Commissioner Phil Hogan

Director-General Jerzy Plewa

Brussels, 22 May 2019

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Commissioners,

Dear Mr. Director-General,

The European Meat Manufacturing Industry, united in CLITRAVI, and the European Federation of food, agriculture and tourism trade unions, EFFAT, representing the interests of workers employed in the meat manufacturing industry, would like to bring to your attention the recent sharp increase in Europe of the price of pigmeat, the most important raw material for the meat manufacturing industry in Europe. The recent increase of the Chinese imports from Europe led to an increase of prices of more than 25% compared to the price of the first week of the year.

The European meat processing industry consists of some 13,000 companies and employs some 350,000 people who manufacture around 13,5 Mio tonnes of meat products and represent a turnover of 80 billion Euros.

The raw material cost for the manufacturing industry typically represents around 50% and in some instances 75% of the total production cost. While we do not have any advice to give regarding the selling or purchasing price, we think it is important that the entire supply chain understands the challenges of this exceptional, yet ongoing, market situation which potentially threatens businesses, jobs and livelihoods across the European industry.


We hope that the European Commission and all the Member States will encourage solidarity and support us to pass on the message of the importance of the viability of each link for the entire supply chain up-stream to restore a fair-trading environment.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Dirk Dobbelaere, Secretary General CLITRAVI

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Mr. Harald Wiedenhofer, General Secretary EFFAT

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