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Brexit: The Future EU-UK Dairy Framework

EDA and DairyUK officially presented their joint 'Future EU UK Dairy Framework' to EU chief negotiator, Mr Michel Barnier and the UK chief negotiator, Mr David Davis.

The dairy sector is the most important agricultural sector for both the EU27 and the United Kingdom, and a major driver of the rural economy across Europe.

The UK dairy industry is an interlinked part of the EU dairy chain. The EU milk and dairy processing industry partners on a daily basis with more than 700,000 dairy farmers of which 13,000 are based in the UK. Fourteen billion of the 160 billion litres of raw milk produced annually across the Union originates in the UK. More than 300,000 well trained and highly committed people work in European dairies, 23,000 of which in processing sites in the United Kingdom.

The EU dairy sector has made full use of the opportunities offered by the EU Single Market.

"The dairy sector across Europe has come together to develop the 'Future EU-UK Dairy Framework'. Throughout its development we have been proud of the strong spirit of collaboration shown by everyone involved in this project. We are also proud of the end result which shows our collective determination to see the importance of dairy being recognised within the Brexit process as it continues to unfold. The future for dairy is bright if we get Brexit negotiations right", commented **DairyUK chair Paul Vernon**, when signing the paper.

"The European Dairy Association and our UK member, DairyUK, want to ensure a successful dairy sector well into the future. In order to secure that success, it is vital that our sector can continue to work on a free trade basis in milk and dairy products for both the UK and the EU", underlined **EDA chair Michel Nalet**, *"The 'Future EU-UK Dairy Framework' sets a benchmark for sectorial guidance within the continuing Brexit*



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process. Not only does the Framework set out the effects of a 'hard Brexit' scenario on the dairy sector, it also presents collaboratively developed solutions to some of the key questions around Brexit which will affect dairy businesses. We believe that our Framework can help achieve the best outcome for the UK and the EU27 dairy sectors. We trust that those facilitating the negotiation process will take on board our joint paper and we are eager to see the responses from the chief negotiators."

→ [Link to joint EDA-DairyUK letter](#)

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The European Dairy Association represents the interests of dairy processors in the European Union. The membership of EDA consists of the associations of dairy processors in EU Member States.

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