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The EU dairy sector welcomes the conclusion of the EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement negotiations

“Congratulations to EU Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič and his team for yet another breakthrough in both the European trade strategy and the global trade arena”, stated Alexander Anton, EDA secretary general.

Without having analysed the full text of the agreement, EDA acknowledges and welcomes the expanded two-way trade opportunities for the dairy sector in Australia and the EU, with a carefully managed market opening with specific TRQs for products such as butter (5.000 tonnes), SMP (8.000 tonnes) or whey protein concentrates (2.000 tonnes).

With these improved market access conditions, the EU dairy sector would gain greater predictability in a market with potential beyond the €380 million in EU exports in 2025.

“Another major step is, of course, the in-principle acceptance of the GI system and its value by our Australian partners —the details of the agreement remain to be seen —but this is certainly a very important step for us”, summarised Alexander Anton.

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The European Dairy Association is the voice 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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