

Quotes on the precautionary principle and CETA/TTIP

Cecilia Malmström, EU commissioner for trade, on 2nd of May 2016 on the TTIP leaks:

"No EU trade agreement will ever lower our level of protection of consumers, or food safety, or of the environment. Trade agreements will not change our laws on GMOs, or how to produce safe beef, or how to protect the environment."

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission on 9th of September 2015 on the TTIP agreement:

"We need it and we will have it under conditions which fully correspond to the European spirit and the European principles."

http://derstandard.at/2000021939674/Juncker-Wir-werden-TTIP-haben (translated by foodwatch)

Sigmar Gabriel, German Minister of Economics and Energy and Vice Chancellor in an open letter on 10th of October 2015, on the occasion of the German demonstration "Stop TTIP and CETA" in Berlin:

"TTIP: There won't be a lowering of the achieved standards."

https://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Redaktion/PDF/M-O/offener-brief-sigmar-gabriel-ttip,property=pdf,bereich=bmwi2012,sprache=de,rwb=true.pdf (translated by foodwatch)

Matthias Fekl, French Secretary of State for Trade in a letter to foodwatch on 18th of April 2016:

"CETA and the currently negotiated transatlantic partnership with the United States [TTIP] do not question the precautionary principle as it applies in the European law or the French law where it is integrated in the Constitution."

https://www.foodwatch.org/uploads/tx_abdownloads/files/Correspondances_Mathias_F ekl.pdf (translated by foodwatch)