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Dear Madam, Sir,

On October 5, 2016, pursuant to Regulation (EU) n. 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and to Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 2016/232 of the Commission, the transnational Interbranch Organization in the raw tobacco sector, named ELTI - European Leaf Tobacco Interbranch, was formally established by a notary. ELTI it is head-quartered in Rome, Italy.

ELTI applied to this Ministry to be officially recognized in conformity with the aforementioned Regulations.

At the Roundtable on the role of Interbranch Organizations in the food supply chain, held in Brussels on 24 March 2017, organized by the European Commission, it was found that this is the first case of its kind in all agro-industrial sectors in the Union, at least according to the current CAP. For the time being we do not have any information regarding other existing transnational IBO in the EU.

We want to thank the many of you who kindly attended the seminar held at this Ministry on May 23, 2017, to jointly examine the recognition procedure and to activate the necessary administrative cooperation between the relevant Ministries of the Member States concerned.

Together with an abstract of the Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 2016/232 of the Commission, on the last page of this letter, we attach the following documents:

- the ELTI request for recognition according to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 2016/232, dated May 22, 2017 (in Italian);
- the ELTI updated Statute (original in Italian, non-official translation in English);

and also the following, prepared by ELTI after our request:



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- a background note prepared by ELTI, dated December 28, 2018 (in English);
- a set of statistic sheets and graphs regarding the volumes of leaf tobacco grown and processed by the ELTI Members (crops 2016 and 2017) in all EU producing Member States, compared with the National global volumes, updated November 22, 2017;
- a survey on the ELTI Members' structure and references containing also a brief recognition on the leaf tobacco market functioning at National level in the concerned EU Member States, updated November 22, 2017.

Several other ELTI documents can be downloaded at the following web page:
www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/11388

We ask you to please check the aforementioned documentation and provide us your agreement and considerations about the official recognition of ELTI, according to the EU Regulations.

In case of need for further information and clarifications we ask you to please contact:

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We remain looking forward to receive your replies, kindly within the deadline of March 1, 2018.

At the same time we kindly ask you to provide us the documentation and/or the references of the rules (National laws, Ministerial Decrees, etc.) which regulates the functioning of the raw tobacco market (recognition and registration rules for the operators, contracting, controls and sanctions), in force in your country, if any, regardless of the language in which they are written, in case you do not possess them in English.

Yours faithfully

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