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European Dairy Association (EDA) highly concerned about Italian farmers' blockage intentions

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The European Dairy Association (EDA) expresses its concern about the announced blockage of the Brenner Pass by Italian farmers. EDA does understand the concern of the Italian farmers in regard of the EU dairy market situation, but affirms that milk production in the EU is strictly regulated, and that present market issues cannot be solved by actions such as the planned blockage.

The European Dairy Association is very concerned about the announcement of a blockage of the Brenner Pass by Italian farmers.

EDA wants to draw the attention of the Italian farmers to the fact that the European Union is a free trade area. Closing a country's borders to products from other EU countries is unlawful and not acceptable.

Furthermore, it must be clear that milk production and processing in Europe is bound to very strict regulations, which are identical for all EU countries. Therefore any claim that EU milk or EU milk products imported into Italy would harm the health and wellbeing of Italian consumers, is unjustified.

EDA does understand the concern of the Italian farmers in regard of the present EU dairy market situation. EDA emphasizes however, that present market issues cannot be solved by actions such as the blockage of the Brenner Pass.



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ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The European Dairy Association represents the interests of dairy processors in the European Union. The membership of the EDA consists of the national trade associations for dairy processors in each EU Member State.

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