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Dear,

We write you this message following our contact with **Belgian Embassy in Oslo** reading us in Cc.

We raised our concern regarding Norway's project on increasing **tariffs at 50% on Russian Origin Linseed Oil**.

Vandeputte is a **Belgian family owned company** that produces Linseed Oil since 1887 and decided about 10 years ago to set up a partnership with **ASTON GROUP** one of its linseeds suppliers located in RUSSIA. ASTON Group is renowned player in the world market with offices in Switzerland, Turkey, Taiwan, Dubai, etc...

Important to say that ASTON Group and its management are **not part of the sanctioned persons or companies listing**.

Following this partnership, VDP and ASTON set up a joint venture company 50%/50% in 2018/2019. This company is called ASVA and is located in the **ROSTOV** Region.

We herewith want to draw your attention on the major usage of linseed oil in **Norway**.

Norway is a major salmon producer on the world market and therefore it imports significant volumes of veg oils and meals. Among them, Norway is used to import yearly about up to **50.000 Mt of linseed oil for its salmon industry** and also more than **500.000 Mt of other veg oils products**.

Major Norwegian players are **BIOMAR / EWOS / SKRETTING** and we count them among our customers.

Setting up 50% import tariffs on Russian origin linseed oil will therefore cut Norway from a **linseed oil price competitive source**.

We ask you to consider the option of having **tariff exemption for EU companies exporting Russian Origin Linseed Oil to Norway**. This would help on one side Norway and the other side Belgium which is a friendly country.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you might require

Best regards, Sincères salutations, Met vriendelijke groeten,

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