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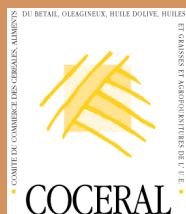
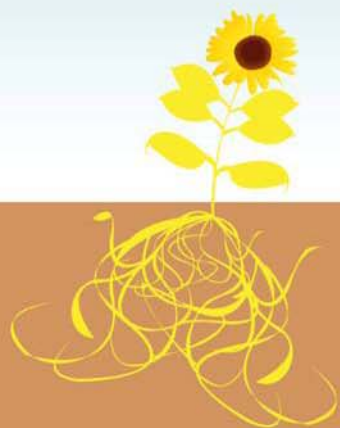
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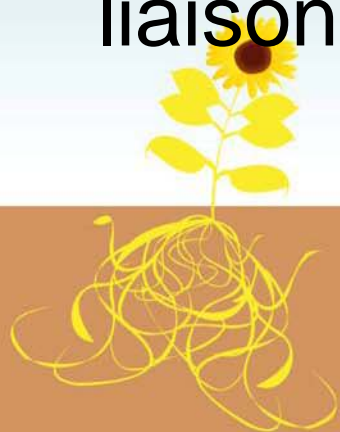
# A traders' view

Chantal Fauth - COCERAL



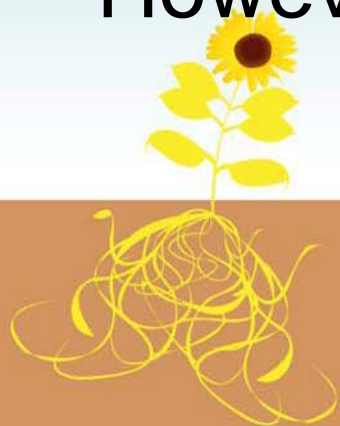
# COCERAL

- European association of traders with cereals, oilseeds, feedstuffs, oils and fats, olive oil and agrosupply
- Founded in 1958
- Member of Celcaa, comité européen de liaison du commerce agro-alimentaire



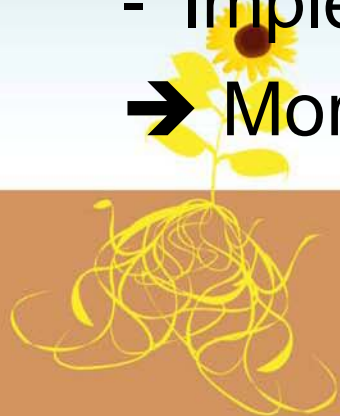
# Approaches to simplification

- The trade and operators in general acknowledge the Commission's intention to cut the red tape and simplify the CAP
- However views differ from sector to sector



# Single CMO

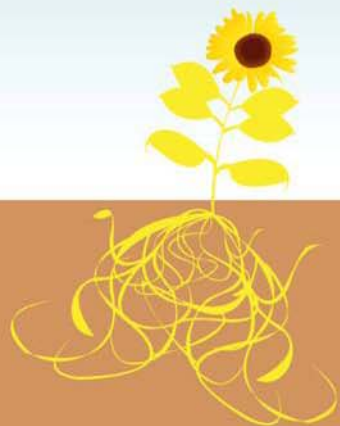
- Seems to be a simplification for the administration
  - Danger to end with
    - One horizontal “single” CMO
    - Sectoral CMO general provisions
    - Implementation regulations
- ➔ More regulations for the operator !





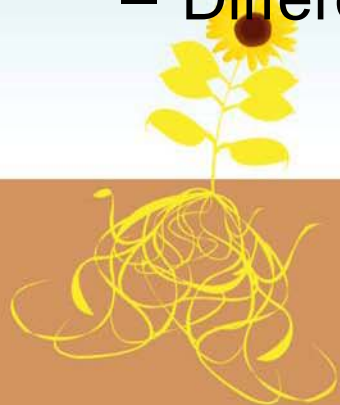
# Administrative burden

- For operators: simplification = reducing the administrative burden
- Administrative requirements have increased over the years, support has decreased, risks multiplied...
- A few examples...



# Imports

- Multiplication of Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQ)
- Current situation: one new horizontal regulation however
  - Some TRQ managed in the EU, others in third countries
  - Different periods: 1.1.-31.12 or 1.7-30.6
  - Some managed by DG Taxud, others by DG Agri
  - Bids every day, once a week, once a month
  - Different guarantees



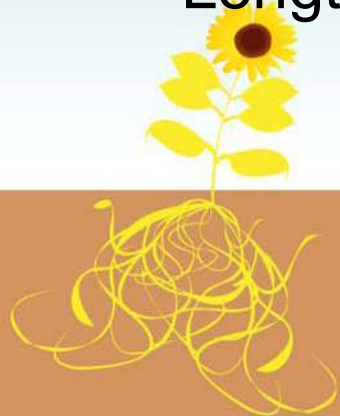
# Exports

- Need for a licence, request of a guarantee and limitation of the licence validity even if no refund granted
- Different guarantee per tender
- All refunds differentiated (because of exclusion of some countries) → proof of arrival at destination (PAD) requested



# PAD

- Request for all exports, all products
- No risk assessment
- No sectoral implementation
- Discussions ongoing in TMMC but
  - Only Art. 17 (Member States “may”...)
  - More responsibility for Member States
  - Lengthy process



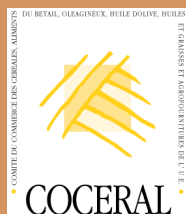
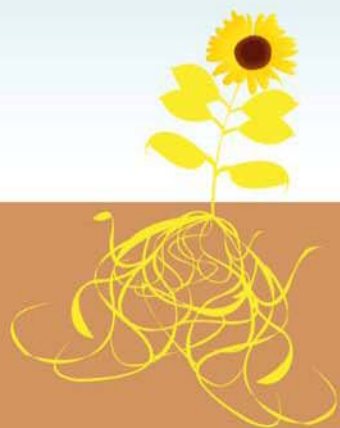
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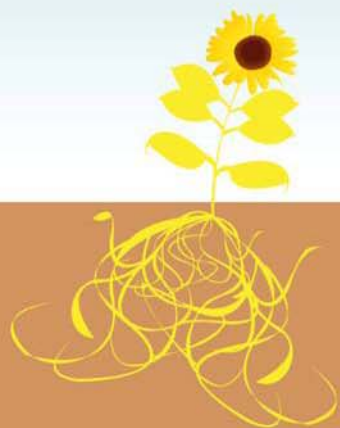
# Customs controls

- No harmonisation
- Customs remain within national competence
- → discrimination between operators



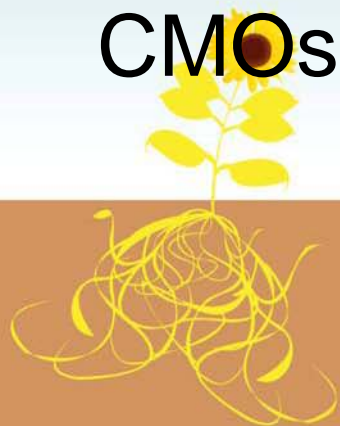
# A few proposals...

- Adopt 21<sup>st</sup> century communication tools – accept electronic documents in DG Agri (like e-customs)
- Provide on-line updated, consolidated regulations
- Harmonize provisions for existing, WTO consolidated TRQs
- Refrain from opening new TRQs for agricultural goods



## A few proposals ... (2)

- Accept sectoral provisions, adapted to the risks for the “proofs of arrival at destination”
- Prefer regulations to directives
- Instead of a single CMO, prefer sectoral CMOs designed on the same pattern



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Thank you !

