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Commissioner Dalli visits the US

Health and Consumers' Commissioner John Dalli is to discuss a variety of issues covering all three pillars of his portfolio (health, consumer policy, food safety) during an official visit to the United States from 27 to 29 June.

The Commissioner will participate at the third Trilateral European Union-China-United States Consumer Product Safety Summit together with Inez M. Tenenbaum, Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Sun Dawei, Vice Minister of General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ). The topic of the Summit is "Product safety surveillance from factory to front door: a cooperative effort".

Commissioner Dalli will meet with Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Deputy Bill Corr to discuss, among other subjects, ageing and Alzheimer's disease, eHealth, healthcare reform and tobacco. Tobacco will also be a topic discussed during his bilateral with Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with (ia) export of dairy products, medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

Further meetings are scheduled with Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), to discuss animal health and livestock exports, as well as with Rich Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to exchange information on financial consumer protection activities on both sides.

Other appointments include breakfast with the American Association of Retired People, lunch with the European American Business Council and meetings with the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the United States Trade Representative's office.

For more information: Commissioner Dalli's website