

**Farmers don't be fooled –  
There will be *no veto* after Lisbon!**

1. There are no current provisions for vetoing an international trade agreement with *only* agricultural goods in it. It must be packaged with services that can be vetoed and then *the complete package*, including the agricultural elements, can be vetoed.
2. The agricultural veto was surrendered at Maastricht.
3. The only way an international trade deal in agricultural goods *could* be vetoed is if it were bundled in a package of free-trade measures that involved one or more of the following: educational services, health services, social services or cultural and audiovisual services. Now, pre-Lisbon, EU Member States have a veto on these five remaining special services areas in the free-trade system. This, and only this, facilitates the rejection of an entire WTO deal.
4. The Lisbon treaty would remove the automatic veto on international trade agreements – including the WTO – in the five areas outlined above. In its place would be put an undefined set of circumstances in which a Member State *could* argue at the European Court of Justice that they should be allowed to retain a veto in one or more of these five special services areas. The ECJ is most likely to invoke ‘distortion of competition’ rules and the application is most likely to fail.

**Vote No to Lisbon! Keep the limited veto.**