

Tereos files a complaint for malicious allegations

Tereos has filed today with the Public Prosecutor of Paris – *Procureur de la République de Paris* - a complaint for malicious allegations : an offence punishable by five years of imprisonment and a 45 000 euro fine.

Indeed, in today's edition, *Le Canard Enchaîné* indicates that "eight cooperative growers" coldly accused the Group" of having helped the preparation of acts of terrorism by Daesh " in the context of deliveries of Sorbitol (sugar) in 2016 and 2017.

Against such outrageous accusations and on the same day of the article's publication, Tereos wants to send a strong message on the falsehood of these accusations which deliberately aim to harm the reputation and the economic interests of a French group within the context of a severe sugar market crisis in Europe.

Indeed, this past year and a half, Tereos has publicly provided the necessary explanations, recalling that all its Sorbitol deliveries were legal and perfectly controlled.

As a matter of proof, facts put forward by the plaintiffs have been in the public domain for more than 15 months and have not been subject to any prosecution.

Moreover, these malicious allegations fall within the context of a campaign of destabilisation of the Group. Systematic obstructions, theft of files, anonymous letters, illicit processing of personal data, all means are used to disrupt the management of the Group. A preliminary inquiry has been already opened by the Public Prosecutor of Saint Quentin – *Procureur de la République de Saint Quentin* - and investigations are still on going to identify the perpetrators, accomplices and receivers of this destabilisation.

Today, a line has been crossed. The plaintiffs have not hesitated to use the terrorist threat that our country is facing to serve a struggle for power.

About Tereos

The long-term vision of Tereos is the processing of agricultural raw materials and the development of quality food products. Tereos is a leader in the sugar, alcohol and starch markets. The Group's commitments to society and the environment contribute to the company's performance in the long term while strengthening its contribution as a responsible player. The cooperative group Tereos is a union of more than 12,000 farmers and has recognized know-how in the processing of beet, sugarcane and cereals. Through 49 industrial sites, a presence in 17 countries and the commitment of its 25,000 employees, Tereos supports its customers close to their markets with a broad and complementary range of products. In 2017/18, the Group achieved a €5 bn turnover.

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