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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Pesticide active substances
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation setting out scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties and amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 (Text with EEA relevance) Language(s): English Number of pages: 4 pages + Annex 6 pages http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_2410_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This notification is for transparency purposes and does not prejudge the position of the European Union on the applicability of the SPS Agreement to the notified measures, or on the nature and effects of the measure itself. This draft Commission Regulation sets the specific scientific criteria in relation to the endocrine disrupting properties for the approval of the active substances for use in plant protection products in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The criteria are based on the definition of endocrine disruptors published in 2002 by the World Health Organisation (WHO) through its International Programme for Chemical Safety (WHO/IPCS). The draft regulation was preceded by an impact assessment and a public consultation. In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 if a substance is found to be an endocrine disruptor according to the criteria set in this draft regulation, it will not be approved for use in plant protection products unless it is demonstrated that the conditions set in Point 3.6.5.2 of Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 are met.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107&qid=1437730988988&from=EN (available in 23 EU languages) - Commission Communication: http://ec.europa.eu/health/endocrine_disruptors/docs/com_2016_350_en.pdf (available in 23 EU languages) - Public consultation Report: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/dgs_consultations/food/consultation_20150116_endocrine-disruptors_en.htm (available in English) - Impact assessment: http://ec.europa.eu/health/endocrine_disruptors/policy/index_en.htm (available in English)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Fourth quarter of 2016.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After adoption.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 August 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>