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**AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERT MEETING OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2016
TO PREPARE FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY
COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 2016**

The meeting will prepare the 67th regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on **27 and 28 October 2016**. The meeting will be preceded by an informal meeting on 26 October, a thematic workshop on pesticide MRLs on 24-25 October.

At the preparatory meeting of 12th of September, the European Commission (COM) intends to discuss with Member States (MS) the main points of the agenda of the next SPS Committee. At this stage, only the preliminary agenda of the Committee is available. The final agenda will be circulated by the WTO Secretariat on 14 October.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 2016 SPS COMMITTEE (AS LISTED IN THE WTO PROPOSED AGENDA)

- Information on relevant activities
- Specific trade concerns
- Operation of transparency provisions
- Cross cutting issues
- Implementation of special and differential treatment
- Equivalence
- Pest- and disease-free areas
- Technical assistance and cooperation
- Review of the operation and implementation of the SPS Agreement

a. Fourth review

- Monitoring of the use of international standards
- Concerns with private and commercial standards
- Observers

II. SPS- MARKET ACCESS ISSUES

- Main developments
- Information on resolution or progress made on market access issues
- Exchange of information on other market access issues

III. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

IV. MISCELLANEOUS