



Plenary meeting of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health

Closing address

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Fipronil contamination incident

- Criminal action of few individuals → threat for the entire food chain
- **Collective** challenge for being vigilant
- **Complex food supply chains**
 - need for strong and efficient control systems
 - need for communication and cooperation at all levels
- **Important role and responsibility** for food business operators and their organisations

Criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors

Pesticides

- **4 July 2017:** 21 MS representing 72,35% of the population endorsed criteria proposed by the Commission for the identification of endocrine disrupting active substances in pesticides
- **4 October 2017:** the EP rejected these criteria; the Commission cannot adopt them and interim criteria remain in force - Commission is now reflecting on the next steps

• Biocides

- **4 September 2017:** Commission adopted a delegated act setting criteria for the identification of endocrine disrupting substances in biocides
- **4 November 2017:** end of EP and Council scrutiny
- **Mid 2018:** application of the criteria for biocides

Renewal of approval for glyphosate

- Based on a thorough evaluation by the Rapporteur Member State, a peer-review by other Member States and EFSA and an opinion by ECHA on the classification of glyphosate, the Commission proposed a renewal of the approval of the substance for 10 years in July 2017
- Three rounds of discussions with Member States: on 20 July, 5 October and 25 October
- Commission proposed an amended Regulation for renewal of approval for 5 years – no qualified majority on 9 November 2017
- Decision to be presented before the Appeals Committee next week



Fitness Check on General Food Law

- To be formally adopted by end of 2017/early 2018**
- 15 years Anniversary of the General Food Law, Monday 27 November 2017**

Fight Food Waste: No impact on safety of the food and feed chain



- EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste
- Measure and monitor food waste
- EU guidelines to facilitate food donation
- Optimise safe use of food in feed
- Promote better understanding and use of date marking



EU Platform on Animal Welfare

**2nd Meeting held on
10 November 2017**





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Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council

Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial
Resistance

COM (2017) 748



A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Thank you!

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