

# CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR53)

European Union Comments on

## AGENDA ITEM 16

Discussion paper on mitigation of trade impacts associated with the use of environmental inhibitors in agriculture

**Mixed Competence  
European Union Vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank New Zealand and Australia for preparing the discussion paper on mitigation of trade impacts associated with the use of environmental inhibitors in agriculture.

The EUMS are of the opinion that the definition of 'environmental inhibitors' should be further clarified before any recommendations can be made. The target effect and related impact are different depending on whether the product applies onto pasture or crops or is administered directly to animals. Depending on the application type, different legal frameworks, including the rules on fertilisers, may apply in Europe as well as in other parts of the world and various Codex Committees might be relevant.

Finally, the EUMS would like to note that any recommendations must be in line with the Terms of Reference of the CCPR.