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**AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERT MEETING OF 4 OCTOBER 2018
TO PREPARE FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF
OCTOBER 2018**

The expert meeting will take place at the **Centre Albert Borschette** (Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels) on **4 October 2018** from **10 AM**.

It will prepare the 73rd regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that is going to take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on **1 and 2 November 2018**. The SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by an informal meeting on 31 October, and possibly by a thematic session on 30 October (not confirmed yet).

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 2018 SPS COMMITTEE (AS LISTED IN THE WTO PROPOSED AGENDA)

- Information on relevant activities
- Specific trade concerns
- Operation and implementation of the SPS Agreement
 - Equivalence
 - Pest- and disease-free areas (Regionalization)
 - Operation of transparency provisions
 - Special and differential treatment
 - Monitoring of the use of international standards
 - Fifth Review
- Cross-cutting issues
- Technical assistance and cooperation
- 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. ANY OTHER BUSINESS