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**AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING ON 2 JUNE 2014
FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF JULY 2014**

The meeting will prepare the 60th regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on the **9-10th July 2014**. Informal meetings on private standards, the *ad hoc* procedure for resolution of issues and the Fourth Review of the WTO SPS Agreement are provisionally scheduled for the 8th July – possibly starting a day earlier on the 7th July in the afternoon.

At the preparatory meeting on the 2nd of June, 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 is available. The final, official agenda will be circulated by the WTO Secretariat on the **27th June 2014** via the official WTO airgram.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE JULY 2014 SPS COMMITTEE (AS LISTED IN THE WTO PROPOSED AGENDA)

- Election of the Chairperson
- Information on relevant activities
- Specific trade concerns
- Operation of transparency provisions
- 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. Issues arising from the Second Review
 - b. Issues arising from the Third Review
 - c. 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

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