



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate G
TRADE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate D

Brussels, 22.08.2013

**AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING OF 9TH SEPTEMBER
FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 2013**

The meeting will prepare the 58th 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 **16th and 17th October 2013**. An informal meeting on private standards is provisionally scheduled for the 15th October.

At the preparatory meeting on the 9th of September the European Commission (COM) intends to discuss with the 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 **4th October 2013** via the official WTO air gram.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER SPS COMMITTEE

- Information on relevant activities
- Specific Trade Concerns
- 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
- Ad hoc consultations
- Monitoring of the use of international standards
- Private 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

Ella Strickland