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**AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 2019
TO PREPARE FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE
OF MARCH 2019**

The expert meeting will take place at the **Centre Albert Borschette**, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, on **22 February 2019** from **10 AM**.

It will prepare the 74th regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on **21 and 22 March 2019**. The SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by thematic sessions on Equivalence (18 March) and Fall armyworm (19 March) and an informal meeting of the Committee on 20 March.

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