

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL Directorate G
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## AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING ON 19 JUNE 2015 FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF JULY 2015

The meeting will prepare the 63<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on **15-16 July 2015**. Informal meetings on private standards and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Review of the WTO SPS Agreement will take place on 14 July and the informal meeting on risk communication on 15 July in the morning.

At the preparatory meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> 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 agenda will be circulated by the WTO Secretariat on 3 July 2015.

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

- 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. 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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