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**AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY
FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF MARCH 2014**

The meeting will prepare the 59th 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 **25-26th March 2014**. An informal meeting on private standards and possibly one other on the Fourth Review are provisionally scheduled for 24 March.

At the preparatory meeting on the 17th of February, 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 **14th of March 2014** via the official WTO airgram.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE MARCH 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. Issues arising from the Second Review
 - b. Fourth review
- 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

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