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**AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2015
FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 2015**

The meeting will prepare the 64th regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva on **14-15 October 2015**. The workshop on Transparency will take place on 12-13 October 2015.

At the preparatory meeting of 18th September, 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 proposed agenda is available. The final agenda will be circulated by the WTO Secretariat on 2 October 2015.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 2015 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