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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 30 MAY 2017
(Section Phytopharmaceuticals - Plant Protection Products - Legislation)**

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 by setting out scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties.

The Commission opened the seventh discussion at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF Committee) on this proposed text. The Commission reminded that the text has evolved substantially since June 2016. The text tabled had already been tabled on 18 May after some amendments which resulted from the discussions held on 17-18 May 2017.

The Chair recalled the results of an indicative vote on 18 May 2017 on this draft which indicated that 15 Member States were supporting the Commission proposal, 9 Member States were abstaining, 3 Member States were against and 1 Member State had no position. In the meantime, one Member State informed the Commission that they changed position from favourable to abstention.

The Commission invited again the Member States to consider the Commission's commitment to resume discussions on the text on the amendment to point 3.6.5 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 once the criteria are adopted. Such commitment is reflected in the published minutes of the PAFF Committee held on 17-18 May 2017 and the Commission reiterated its commitment at the meeting on 30 May 2017.

At the SC PAFF on 18 May 2017, two Member States indicated that they could support the criteria provided the Commission makes a commitment to adopt the guidance document (GD) for the implementation of the hazard-based criteria, currently under development by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), according to Article 77 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 (advisory procedure). The Commission indicated that it finds this suggestion interesting but that some reflection is needed before being able to commit on this.

On the other hand, the Commission invited Member States to consider that ECHA, EFSA and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) are jointly developing the GD with the full involvement of the Member States since the very beginning. A consultation already took place and a second one is planned in the near future. Moreover, the Commission already made clear on 18 May 2017 that it can be expected that the GD (or at least a very advanced draft GD ready for use) would be available when criteria become applicable. Furthermore, the Commission intends to include the GD in an update of the Communication which lists study protocols and guidance documents for the assessment of active substances for plant protection products.⁽¹⁾

The Commission reminded that it did not intend to reopen technical discussions on the criteria at the present meeting. The Commission informed the Committee that it was decided not to take a formal vote during this meeting in order to provide further time to Member States to establish their position. No information was provided with regard to the date of the next meeting.

One Member State asked clarification on when the amendment to point 3.6.5 would be tabled. The Commission reiterated its commitment to resume discussions on this text once the criteria are adopted.

Two Member States stressed the importance of tabling the amendment to point 3.6.5 and they welcomed the fact that the Commission reiterated its commitment.

One Member State indicated that the political and public attention on this file is very high in their country. This Member State acknowledged the progress made on the criteria since June 2016 and welcomed the Commission's intention to postpone the vote. This will give them the time to continue consultation work, considering explaining the benefits of the current proposal.

One Member State asked whether the Commission intends to further revise the text before the next meeting. The Commission clarified that it does not expect to modify the text further.

(1) EEA relevance Communication 2013/C 95/01 detailing the list of test methods and guidance documents for active substances used in plant protection products. Official Journal of the European Union, C 95, 3 April 2013.