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**AGENDA OF THE EU PREPARATORY MEETING ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014  
FOR THE WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 2014**

The meeting will prepare the 61<sup>th</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 **16-17 October 2014**. Informal meetings on private standards and the 4<sup>th</sup> Review of the WTO SPS Agreement are scheduled for 15 October. A thematic workshop on risk analysis will take place on 13-14 October.

At the preparatory meeting of 15 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 preliminary agenda is available. The final agenda will be circulated by the WTO Secretariat on 6 October 2014.

**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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