

To: [REDACTED] (SG); [REDACTED] (SG)
Subject: Meeting with CEFIC and EPCA on 23 September 2016 on the draft criteria for endocrine disruptors; conclusions

Participants:

[REDACTED] (European Chemical Industry Council - CEFIC); [REDACTED] (European Crop Protection Association - ECPA)
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Background:

The meeting had been requested by CEFIC and ECPA to set out their views on the recently-published draft scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties ("the draft criteria"). The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

Conclusions:

CEFIC and ECPA presented their industry associations and their interest in the dossier. ECPA stressed in particular the challenging regulatory environment and recalled the costs and time needed to develop new plant protection products. CEFIC and ECPA stressed that they disagree with the approach taken by the Commission in the draft criteria ("option 2" of the impact assessment) and argued that aspects of hazard characterisation should have been included.

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COM explained the *rationale* of the draft criteria, and the political need to move ahead. Many of the issues raised in this dossier touch wider policy aspects – in particular political choices when regulating chemicals. In this context, COM recalled ongoing and upcoming REFIT evaluations in this policy area. COM also stressed that it was now up to Member States to formulate a position in the context of the various procedures (regulatory procedure with scrutiny and delegated act). In addition, the views of the Parliament are very important.

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