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Trade.dga1.d.3/[REDACTED] (2017)**REPORT****Subject: Meeting with European Crop Protection Association on plant protection products, 27 September 2017****Participants:** [REDACTED] (ECPA), [REDACTED] (TRADE)**Summary:**

ECPA requested a meeting to discuss their concerns over COM approach on how to handle import tolerance (IT) requests for active substances falling under hazard-based criteria (carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic and endocrine disruptors). ECPA highlighted problems related to the lack of an impact assessment and the need to assess the WTO-compatibility angle and a possible notification to WTO SPS Committee. It also noted that according to a study dated 2014, potential impact on trade could amount to 65 bln €. A more updated assessment, which is currently being conducted by ECPA, will be available mid-October.

ECPA also referred to their concern over Ukrainian legislation on plant protection products that restricts the registration process of pesticides by requiring proof of an authorisation in the country of manufacture. The Ukrainian Parliament is currently discussing the amendment to that law, which would cancel the problematic provision. ECPA enquired whether the COM could raise this topic again with the Ukrainian administration.