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Subject: Notes of meeting with Bayer

To all

Meeting with Bayer Crop Science on 13 November 2020

Present: [redacted]
[redacted] (env and sustainability policy), [redacted] (Crop protection
and env impact reduction), [redacted] (Sustainability EMEA)

Purpose of meeting:

For Bayer to better understand F2F targets and process of SUD review and to share information on Bayer commitments to reducing environmental impacts

Tour de table

Key points [redacted]

CAP not finalised
Review of statistics legislation ongoing
F2F – discussions ongoing

F2F targets

Aspirational targets, not legally binding, aim of targets is to show progress
COM working to encourage all stakeholders to buy into the targets
Status quo approach will not be sufficient to meet the targets
2017 is baseline for all F2F targets as this was the most up to date data available at the time of announcing F2F
Targets may be included in legislation in future – this is a policy option under SUD
Targets are not defined as MS, crop level etc.
There is robust data underlying PPP targets

Data/indicators

PPP indicators are not perfect, but are the best possible with available data
Stable harmonised data at EU level needed to develop further indicators

Better use data should become available under SAIO, and could then be used to develop better indicators

Sales data – greater transparency needed under SAIO, e.g. data available at active substance level

Bayer suggest that use data should include information on user practices, in addition to information on the PPP

SAIO will have data on use, date, rate, location

Other statistical legislation could be used to gather data on user practices e.g. risk reduction techniques

COM will use data reported to ESTAT as the primary source of data on PPP sales/use/user practices

MS need to adopt tailored actions to achieve the targets given the diversity of agriculture between MS

Bayer presentation

Bayer have defined 3 sustainability targets for 2030 based on the planetary boundary concept

These are: Bayer activities to be carbon neutral
 30% reduction in field GHG emissions
 30% reduction in PPP env impact

The 30% reduction in PPP env impact will be achieved using a range of tools e.g. modern application technology, seeds and reduced doses using digital technology

Bayer use models to calculate emissions and impact of emissions

The use data purchased from private companies on the use of PPPs, based on surveys of farmers

This does not include data on risk mitigation data so far

The models are public, as Bayer want to be transparent

COM question: **Precision agriculture** – what do you expect by 2030

Answer: Depends on region and baseline. In more developed MS, there is limited room for improvement

COM question: What will be the **main tools** to achieve the 30% PPP env impact target in Europe

Answer: It is not yet known, but by Q1/Q2 next year, the answer should be clearer

Bayer question: Could **drone application** be possible under new SUD?

COM answer: Drones are now prohibited, but derogation is possible

COM view is that drones are not necessarily safer, but have sought data from MS/ECPA to show it is safer, with no responses received so far

Bayer are piloting trials on **precision farming** – happy to update COM on activities in this area

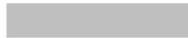
Bayer happy to contribute to improving HRIs

If COM has any questions, feel free to contact

SUD review

Green Deal – COM will bring forward a legislative proposal.
Publication of evaluation roadmap/impact assessment – May to August, including
comments from Bayer
Comments now evaluated
Public consultation will launch in December
Stakeholder events planned in Jan 2021
External study planned – procurement ongoing
EESC will make inputs into SUD evaluation also - fact finding missions to MS likely
Evaluation will determine problems and root causes – finalise in Q2 2021
Selected policy options will be subject to impact assessment in Q4 2021
Legislative proposal in Q1 2022

Kind Regards



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