

To: [redacted] (AGRI)
Cc: [redacted] (AGRI); [redacted] (AGRI)
Subject: Minutes of meeting with eppa on 15/6/2022

Meeting with eppa, 15/06/2022

Present:

[redacted] Art. 4.1(b) - priv. International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE), Art. 4.1(b) [redacted], eppa, [redacted] (European Federation of Sugar Manufacturers CEFS);

[redacted] Art. 4.1(b) - priv. (AGRI B.3).

The meeting was held on request of EPPA who had asked for an exchange on [redacted] OUT OF SCOPE and Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUR).

AGRI made it clear that all three subjects fall under the remit of DG SANTE.

Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUR)

The visitors stated that the main problem for the beet sector today is the lack of pesticides, following the withdrawal of many active substances from the market. There would not be alternatives to these chemical pesticides. The visitors also stated that today's sugar beet production already fulfills the now defined conditions like crop rotation, use of resistant varieties, good monitoring of pests etc. They therefore did not see margin of improvement in this sector. They finally criticized that IPM would not be clearly defined.

AGRI colleagues explained that at this stage no details on the still unpublished Commission proposal for a Regulation on Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUR) can be shared. Publication is foreseen for 22 June 2022. AGRI explained that F2F goals have been set and that it has been decided at political level to strongly reduce the use of pesticides. AGRI explained how the CAP will help mitigate the perceived loss of active substances (without mentioning that CAP would also be able to fund baseline practices). Several measures and support schemes are available under the CAP and that could benefit also the beet sector if there was a need.

AGRI mentioned the study on IPM which will result in a database being available this autumn which will contain details of some 1000 IPM practices which will help MS and producers in identifying appropriate crop specific measures.

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