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Subject: BTO Meeting Commissioner Andriukaitis with ECPA, CEFIC, COPA-COGECA and Agri-Food Chain, 4 April 2016

Participants

Commissioner Andriukaitis, N. Chaze, [REDACTED]
ECPA : [REDACTED]
COPA-COGECA : [REDACTED]
CEFIC : [REDACTED]
Agri-Food-Chain: [REDACTED]

Endocrine disruptors

- ECPA asked for update on timetable and planning, COPA expressed serious concerns about the huge possible impact on farming community.
- ECPA informs about the I.A. they have commissioned and is expected to be available by end April; on this ECPA-IA they ask how to make use of it.
- Commissioner informs about timelines (Submission RSB, RSB meeting) and that COM will present proposals before summer break, first to college for endorsement and then to MS. As regards the IA of ECPA it was clarified that this cannot be taken into account any longer, but that it is up to EFSA to make best use of it in public debate. Commissioner also emphasized that a position has not yet been taken about the preferred option.
- Commissioner refers to on-going discussions among scientists (BfR meeting in Berlin), which makes it difficult to base decisions on science (also in case of glyphosate)

Glyphosate and renewals in general

- Commissioner stressed that he is not prepared to move forward without broad support of MS. COM is not ready to repeat mistakes made on GMOs; COM convinced that otherwise trust in European project and institutions is further diminished.

- Commissioner reminded the visitors about their responsibility to talk to MS and MEPs with a view to get their support for the renewal
- ECPA concerned that if robust statements of BfR and EFSA are not followed that this will be victory for opponents and set precedent for all future approvals.
- COPA-COGECA informs Commissioner that glyphosate case (and also the dossier on ED) is closely followed by UK farming community and may influence their position as regards the Brexit referendum in case science is not followed.
- COPA-COGECA confirms their full trust in EFSA and expressed concerns that if this trust is not shared by all science based approval system in EU will fail.
- Commissioner explains that he is committed to tackle questions on transparency, conflict of interest and funding rules in order to restore trust in EFSA. Furthermore, more dialogue needed between various agencies (e.g. EFSA/IARC)
- ECPA asked for realistic timelines for the renewal of active substances in order to allow applicants to be in position to make good and complete applications. ■ clarified that applicants are not the reasons for the current delays, which require the postponement of deadlines. Applicants have to submit complete dossiers in time and this is well known in advance. The planned review of the legislation will be an opportunity to identify weaknesses and shortcomings in current regulatory framework.