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Delegations will find attached a draft Commission Regulation on the subject mentioned above.

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### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 concerning statistics on pesticides<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 establishes a common framework for producing comparable European statistics on the sales and use of pesticides.
- (2) The Commission should adapt, on a regular basis and at least every five years, the list of substances to be covered and their classification in categories of products and chemical classes as set out in Annex III. As the latter was last updated in 2011 by Commission Regulation (EU) No 656/2011<sup>2</sup>, the list annexed to that Regulation needs to be updated to cover the years from 2016 to 2020.
- (3) Given the number of substances concerned and the complex process of identifying and classifying the relevant compounds, it is difficult for the national statistical authorities to acquire the array of tools they need to collect information on use and placing on the market of pesticides. Consequently, only substances assigned an identification number by one or both of the two major internationally recognised institutions that register chemical compounds or pesticides, the Chemical Abstracts Service of the American Chemical Society and the Collaborative International Pesticides Analytical Council, should be included.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

OJ L 324, 10.12.2009, p. 1.

<sup>1</sup> 

Commission Regulation (EU) No 656/2011 of 7 July 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards definitions and list of active substances (OJ L 180, 8.7.2011, p.3).

## HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

### Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
[...]