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Subject: Endocrine Disruptors
- information from the Netherlands delegation

Delegations will find in Annex an information note submitted by the Netherlands delegation on the above-mentioned subject to be presented under "Any other business" at the session of the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 14-15 November 2016.

AOB of the Netherlands on Endocrine Disruptors

Information note for the AGRIFISH Council of 14 November 2016

The European Commission (Commission) developed a proposal setting out scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties and amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) 1107/2009. The proposals were published on 15 June 2016 and presented in the AGRIFISH Council of June 2016, a.o.

The Netherlands welcomes the proposal and the accompanying impact assessment. At the same time it feels that the necessary guidance, necessary for competent authorities to assess the risks in a harmonised way, is lacking. Although the Netherlands understands that guidance normally is developed in the context of an existing legal framework, being the proposal mentioned above, simultaneously proposed guidance would have been appreciated. In that way a better understanding of the effects - next to the impact assessment - on the protection of human health, environment and the availability of plant protection products would be possible. The guidance is an essential step to move forward.

The Netherlands therefore asks the Commission to establish a working group as soon as possible, in which the Commission, EFSA, ECHA and possibly some MS participate, in order to develop this necessary guidance on the shortest notice possible.
