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Subject: Working Party on Plant Health (Roosendaal Group)

Date: 21 November 2016
Time: 10.00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Report on issues of interest for the Roosendaal Group:
 - a) Overview of the WTO¹/SPS² agreements and procedures
 - Information by the Commission and exchange of views
2. Operational themes: Free Trade Agreement (FTAs) and bilateral negotiations
 - a) Chile: meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Management Committee on SPS Measures on 8 and 9 November 2016 in Santiago de Chile
 - Debriefing by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting and exchange of views on the next steps

¹ World Trade Organization
² Sanitary and phytosanitary

- b) Colombia and Peru: meeting of the SPS Sub-Committee on 5 and 6 December 2016 (or on 6 and 7 December 2016 t.b.c.) in Brussels
 - Preparation of the meeting
- c) Central America: EU- Central America Association Agreement
 - Exchange of information on Member States' export interests to Central America
- d) India: meeting of the EU-India Joint Working Group on SPS-TBT³ on 11 November 2016 in Brussels
 - Debriefing by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting and exchange of views on the next steps
- e) USA: Plant Health technical Working Group - Work plan on apples and pears
 - Information by the Commission on the state of play and exchange of views

3. Strategic Themes

- a) Methylbromide alternative treatments
 - Exchange of views on the priorities (third countries/commodities/pests) and on possible further steps necessary to ensure acceptance of goods from the EU in third countries
- b) EFSA⁴ pilot project on apples:
 - Information by the Commission on the state of play and the next steps and exchange of views

4. Any Other Business

- a) Association Agreement EU- Ukraine - Rules of procedure of the SPS Sub-Committee
- b) Japan - “Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act”

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal. A limited stock of documents produced immediately prior to the meeting will be available in the meeting room. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.

NB: Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document 14387/1/12 REV 1 on how to obtain them.

³ Technical Barriers to Trade

⁴ European Food Safety Authority