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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Plant Health (Roosendaal Group)

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Date: 16 February 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL  
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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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1. **Presentation of the Bulgarian Presidency**
2. **Report on issues of interest for the Roosendaal Group from:**
  - 2.1. **Committee of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures, 1-2 March 2018, Geneva:**
    - a) **Preparatory meeting, 1 February 2018, Brussels**
    - b) **Thematic session on Pest-Free Areas, 27 February 2018, Geneva**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

## **2.2. Pending import requests and derogations from third countries to access the EU market**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

### **3. Operational themes: Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and bilateral negotiations:**

#### **3.1 SPS market access priorities in 2018, table of scheduled meetings and resolved cases year 2017**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

#### **3.2 Countries with FTAs in force**

- a) Canada: plant health market access issues within the framework of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), 26-27 March 2018, Ottawa**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

#### **3.3. Countries with FTA negotiations on going**

- a) Mercosur: FTA negotiations**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Mexico: negotiations on the modernisation of the SPS chapter of the FTA**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

- c) Chile: modernisation of the SPS Agreement**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

#### **3.4. Bilateral negotiations**

- a) China: SPS market access developments and ongoing work by the Commission**

*- Update by the Commission and exchange of information and views*

- b) India: methyl bromide and SPS market access developments**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of information and views*

**c) Eurasian Economic Union (Russia, Belorussia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia) import requirements: modalities of a meeting with the EEU countries**

*- Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

**d) United States of America (USA): upcoming EU-USA Plant Health Technical Working Group, 16-17 May 2018**

*- Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

**e) Argentina: SPS market access developments and pending applications**

*- Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

#### **4. Strategic themes**

**4.1. Discussion paper of the Presidency: practical working arrangements of the Roosendaal Group configurations**

*- Presentation by the Presidency and exchange of views*

#### **5. Any Other Business**

**5.1 India: upcoming WTO notification**

**5.2 South Korea: WTO SPS notification G/SPS/N/KOR/589 Survey guidelines for major fruit flies, 11 January 2018**

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