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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Plant Health (Roosendaal Group)

Date: 2 October 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Presentation of the Austrian Presidency

2. Report on issues of interest for the Roosendaal Group:

2.1 World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)

Measures:

a) Outcome of the meeting of 12 and 13 July 2018 (*)

b) Preparations for the meeting of 31 October and 1 November 2018 (*)

2.2 Pending import requests: update on the table of SPS import requests in process

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

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

3.1 SPS market access priorities, indicative planning of activities for the second half of 2018, and success stories from the first half of 2018 (*)

3.2 Countries with FTAs in force

a) South Korea: outcome of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Joint Management Committee (JMC) under the FTA with the Republic of Korea of 19 September 2018

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

b) Chile: export of apples from the EU

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

c) Canada: follow-up to the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) SPS JMC meeting of 26 and 27 March 2018

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

3.3 Countries with ongoing FTA negotiations

a) Mercosur: state of play on FTA negotiations

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

b) Australia and New Zealand: state of play on FTA negotiations

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

c) Indonesia: state of play on FTA negotiations

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

3.4 Bilateral negotiations

- a) **Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU): follow-up to the meeting between the Commission and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) of 5 June 2018**
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) **Thailand: outcome of the meeting between the Commission and Thailand's authorities held in Bangkok on 5 June 2018**
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- c) **United States of America (USA): preparations for the EU-USA Plant Health Technical Working Group meeting to be held in Brussels on 24 and 25 October 2018**
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- d) **India:**
- **Outcome of the EU-India Plant Health Technical Working Group meeting held in New Delhi on 25 September 2018**
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - **Possible extension of the derogation to treatment with methyl-bromide**
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- e) **China: outcome of the Commission's SPS mission to Beijing of 23 and 24 July 2018**
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4. Strategic themes

- a) **Pilot phase of the new Roosendaal Group subgroups: state of play on the subgroups on re-export certification and EAEU**
– *Update by the Presidency and the rapporteurs and exchange of views*

5. Any Other Business

- (*) **For written exchange of information only: not to be discussed unless otherwise requested by a delegation at least two days before the meeting.**

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