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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Plant Health (Roosendaal Group)

Date: 18 March 2019

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Report on issues of interest for the Roosendaal Group

1.1 Matters arising from previous meetings

– *Update by the Presidency and the Commission, and exchange of views*

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

Measures: preparations for the meeting of 21-22 March 2019 (*)

1.3 Update to the table of SPS import requests in process (*)

1.4 SPS market access priorities and indicative planning of activities for the first half of 2019, success stories from 2018 (*)

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

2.1 Countries with FTAs in force

a) Chile: preparation of the next EU-Chile SPS Committee and state of play on the next round of negotiations for the modernisation of the trade pillar of the EU-Chile Association Agreement

– Information by the Commission and exchange of views

b) Canada: outcome of and follow-up to the 2nd SPS Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) (Brussels, 25-27 February 2019)

– Information by the Commission and exchange of views

c) Egypt: follow-up to Commissioner Hogan's visit (January 2019)

– Information by the Commission and exchange of views

d) Colombia, Ecuador, Peru: outcome of the 5th Subcommittee on SPS Measures (Quito, 3–5 December 2018) (*)

2.3 Countries with ongoing FTA negotiations

a) Indonesia: outcome of the 7th round of FTA negotiations (Brussels, 11-15 March 2019)

– Update by the Commission and exchange of views

b) New Zealand: outcome of the 3rd round of FTA negotiations (Brussels, 18-20 February 2019)

– Information by the Commission and exchange of views

c) Australia: outcome of the 2nd round of FTA negotiations (Canberra, 19-23 November 2018) and preparations for the 3rd round (Canberra, March 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

d) Thailand: outcome of the contact group meeting on plant health of 21 February 2019
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

2.4 Bilateral negotiations

a) United States of America (USA): preparation of the EU-USA Plant Health Technical Working Group meeting (Washington, May 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

b) India: outcome of the EU-India SPS-TBT Joint Working Group (Brussels, 18 January 2019) (*)

3. Strategic themes

3.1. Pilot phase of the new Roosendaal Group subgroups

a) State of play on the subgroup on re-export certification
– *Update by the rapporteur and exchange of views*

b) State of play on the subgroup on the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
– *Update by the rapporteur and exchange of views*

4. 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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