

From: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
Sent: 05 February 2016 08:27
To: PRATS MONNE Xavier (SANTE); MIKO Ladislav (SANTE); JUELICHER Sabine (SANTE)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: BTO on meeting of ECPA and CEFIC with DG Prats Monné, 21 January 2016

Attending:

[REDACTED] (European Crop Protection Association - ECPA), [REDACTED]
(European Chemical Industry Council - CEFIC),
Xavier Prats Monné, [REDACTED] (SANTE)

The main objective of the meeting was to introduce ECPA and CEFIC as stakeholders to the new Director General.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] emphasized the commitment of ECPA and CEFIC to comply with the high safety standards in the EU, referred to their willingness to support the process and highlighted stewardship programs in the sector of pesticides as examples for the commitment of industry to contribute to a sustainable agriculture. They expressed their appreciation about the fact that Better Regulation is a key objective of the new Commission but also for DG SANTE, as reflected in the new organigram.

XPM confirmed that high importance of Better Regulation and underlined the new approach of the new Commission. Emphasis is put on innovation, which is faster than regulation; therefore Commission is also looking at alternative ways to regulate, such as guidance documents. He stressed the importance of creating evidence within the complex EU regulatory system in the food safety and the health sector.

Concerning ED, industry stressed the importance of the Impact Assessment and enquired in how far the planning of SANTE will be influenced by the Ruling of the Court. XPM confirms that the Commission fully accepts the reasoning of the Court, but nevertheless is still convinced of the usefulness of an Impact Assessment for a legislative proposal of such high implication. Therefore, SANTE will continue to finalise the Impact Assessment, but will try to speed up the work as much as feasible in order to assure that the initially foreseen timelines will be kept in any event.

Concerning bees, XPM acknowledged that industry should have the right to take an assertive approach, but at the same time pay more attention on avoiding to be too confrontational. Industry should look at SANTE's responsibility and delivery in the pesticide and biocide legislation as a whole.

XPM defended the approach taken by SANTE concerning the MRL setting. Like for the issue on bees, there is limited scope for concrete discussion at the moment with a view on the ongoing complaints from ECPA to the Ombudsman.

XPM expressed his firm belief that the EU regulatory system concerning food safety is mature. In order to make it more efficient industry has its responsibility as well. SANTE referred here deficient data dossiers or applications for substances that obviously will not pass the threshold put an unnecessary burden on the system and its performance and should therefore be avoided. ■ agrees and will bring this point forward in discussion with companies.