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Meeting Report

TTIP R9 – Side meeting with [REDACTED] BASF – 23 April 2015, 8.00-8.45

In the margins of the 9th TTIP round in New York, we ([REDACTED] EU DEL D.C.; [REDACTED], DG TRADE) had a productive side meeting with BASF's [REDACTED] (based in New Jersey).

We gave an overview of where we currently stand with the TTIP negotiations in the area of chemicals. In particular, we outlined progress achieved in the ongoing **pilot projects** on priority chemicals as well as on classification and labelling of substances (on the latter, see enclosed BASF's slides with an instructive summary of key issues from an industry perspective). BASF provided a contact in Europe ([REDACTED]) for further discussion of classification and labelling issues. Industry will have to comply with GHS rules implemented by OSHA by June this year and they are discussing internally how to ensure compliance.

We also explained that the US has proposed to launch a **third pilot project on Safety Data Sheets** where we are currently waiting for a written analysis from the US OSHA with details on the possible structure and goals of this third pilot project.

[REDACTED] was also interested to discuss the state of play of the **ongoing EU Impact Assessment on criteria to identify endocrine disruptors**. We pointed to the upcoming feedback report of DG SANTÉ which will provide a summary of contributions received from various stakeholders during the public consultation which closed on 16 January 2015. We explained the next steps in the IA process, including the upcoming two IA studies ((1) screening of endocrine disrupting substances – here the JRC has just presented its draft screening methodology and (2) socio-economic impacts).

Interestingly, [REDACTED] signalled that the chemicals industry on both sides of the Atlantic is still very much interested to see **data sharing between regulators** as part of a TTIP Chemicals Annex. We explained that this specific aspect has been put on hold for the time being as we first have to look into the various legal issues and have to ensure that we fully respect the respective legal constraints which regulators on both sides face (namely under REACH in the EU and TSCA in the US). [REDACTED] announced that industry is looking into the possibility of organising a **specific workshop on data sharing** in the coming months. This workshop would be held in Washington with participation of the USG, EU and industry. [REDACTED] will provide us with more details once available. BASF considers organising this workshop during the next round held in the US (in September/October). The idea would be to explore all possibilities for sharing of CBI, or to discard it altogether in TTIP, but at least make sure we tried.

Finally, [REDACTED] also gave a **presentation during the stakeholder session** of the 9th round, with the title "Regulatory Coherence & Standards for Crop Protection Products: An Industry Perspective" (attached).