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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Information note on sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) related to the preparations of the third SPS Committee under CETA (21-23 April 2020, Ottawa).

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OBJECTIVE: *For information and comments by 2 March 2020*

REMARKS:

In accordance with the EU-Canada *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)*, the third Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting under the Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) Chapter is scheduled for 21-23 April 2020 in Canada, Ottawa.

In preparation of this Committee meeting, Member States are kindly invited to provide **by Monday 2 March 2020** an update on their SPS related market access issues and suggestions for agenda items to follow-up with Canada during the upcoming SPS Committee meeting under CETA. Member State officials that would like to participate in the JMC in Ottawa are kindly invited to provide their contact details at the latest by **20 March 2020**.

Taken into account previous work with the Canadian authorities, in follow-up of the second CETA JMC on SPS matters, the Commission has drafted a first list of agenda points, mainly of interest to the EU, available in annex to this note. The final JMC agenda will be established in collaboration with our Canadian counterparts.

Member States are kindly invited to provide comments/suggestion on the proposed list of agenda items.

Please send the above requested information to the following email addresses:
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Member States will be kept further informed on the practical details and the final agenda for this SPS JMC once agreed with Canada.

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