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QUESTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Lead service: DG SANTE- Assoc: Trade D3, F3, B3 (IPR), see below in detail question by question

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8. Could the Commission elaborate on what was the EU's objective in holding a June 1 consultation/conference and how did it contribute to the ultimate outcome? **Lead: SANTE – Assoc.: Trade D3**

Answer

A conference was held on 1st June in Brussels with the aim to inform Member States, Members of the European Parliament, third countries and all interested stakeholders about the comprehensive impact assessment that the European Commission is carrying out on criteria to identify endocrine disruptors in the context of the Plant Protection Product Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 and the Biocidal Product Regulation (EU) 528/2012. It was a platform for further exchanges of views on the topic, following public consultation already held from September 2014 to January 2015. As public consultations the conference will feed into impact assessment process.

The 1st June conference was entirely web-streamed. All presentations and the recorded broadcast of the conference are available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/endocrine_disruptors/events/ev_20150416_en.htm

9. Beyond that June 1 consultation/conference, what will be the next steps in the consultation process? **Lead: SANTE –Assoc.: Trade D3**

Answer

The EU is systematically providing all relevant information to all WTO Members in the TBT and SPS Committees. The relevant information is also available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/endocrine_disruptors/impact_assessment/index_en.htm

10. When can we expect the Commission will publish its conclusions from the consultations?

Lead: SANTE –Assoc.: Trade D3

Answer

A qualitative report is expected to be published before the summer break 2015 (end July).

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