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Flash report - Minutes of the Meeting with the European Plastic Converters Association (EuPC) - 8 June 2016

EuPC requested a meeting with GROW.B2 to discuss technical barriers concerning plastic and introduce some of the works of the Association. EuPC's concerns focused on two recent French notifications concerning a ban on disposable plastic bags and on disposable plastic caps, glasses and plates. EuPC reiterated the remarks on the French measures, already expressed in a position paper sent to the Commission. The Commission confirmed that EuPC's concerns have been carefully analysed and taken into account by the Commission services.

In addition, EuPC requested clarifications on the procedure under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 and the role of Member States and stakeholders in the procedure. The Commission explained that the contributions from stakeholders are dispatched to the Commission services for analysis. Additionally, the Commission clarified the functioning of the TRIS database and the alerts system on notifications, as well as the characteristics and benefits of the new IT functionality allowing stakeholders to upload their contributions directly on the TRIS website.

EuPC appreciated the presentation of the new IT tool, as well as the other clarifications provided and announced they will contact DG ENV for further discussions on the substance of the two above-mentioned French notifications.

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