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Meeting organised at the request of Canada who wanted to discuss the ED criteria and if import tolerances will be granted for substances identified as EDs. Canada also briefly enquired about the next steps concerning glyphosate.

1) EDs

Canada started the meeting by explaining they follow very closely the ED criteria discussions and developments and have submitted comments through various channels (WTO notifications, public consultation). Canada thanked for the openness and transparency on this file.

Canada expressed their concerns with the approach taken by the EU on pesticides in general and on EDs in particular: they do not believe that hazard based cut offs are appropriate for regulatory decision making. Hazard identification is an important step but a full risk assessment is key. This is also what is foreseen by the WTO agreement.

Canada asked why the Commission did not chose option 4 of the roadmap (WHO definition + potency) and indicated their worries concerning the trade impacts the ED criteria would have for exports of Canada to the EU. They indicated that around 60% of the PPP applications in soybean and 45 % of the PPP application in canola would be affected.

Canada stressed they do not support regulation by derogation and enquired about the next steps concerning the amendment to the derogation : they asked why the original PPP proposal was split

and why the amendment to the derogation was not put on the agenda of the last meeting with Member States and whether there is a commitment to table this text.

Canada asked whether import tolerances would be set in accordance with the WTO agreement, i.e. following a full risk assessment under the current provisions.

SANTE answered according to the agreed LTT on the ED criteria.

2) Glyphosate

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