

BTO 11/07/2017 - Meeting with BEUC on [REDACTED], endocrine disruptors and [REDACTED]

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Endocrine disruptors

Following the 4th of July vote on the ED criteria in the PAFF pesticides legislation meeting, BEUC issued a negative press statement (<http://www.beuc.eu/publications/consumers-let-down-decision-hormone-disrupting-chemicals/html>) in which it calls EP and Council to oppose to the criteria, as it does not consider them protective enough.

BEUC stressed that food safety is an area where COM can demonstrate it is close to EU citizens.

BEUC recognised the improvement between the draft criteria presented in June 2016 and those voted on 4 July 2017. However, BEUC criticized the very lengthy process, the fact that the criteria are not suitable for horizontal application across legislation (while according to BEUC, the COM had a political mandate in the 7th EAP to set horizontal ED criteria) and that the criteria are not fit for purpose in areas such as cosmetics, toys or REACH. BEUC also said that the criteria were not science based. BEUC did not give any details but referred to the Endocrine Society's positions and letters.

BEUC also asked about the upcoming work to be launched with regards to the ED strategy and the research projects to be launched in the framework of Horizon 2020.

SANTE answered according to the agreed LTT on EDs (see press release and MEMO of 4 July 2017). SANTE also asked BEUC to consider the criteria within the frameworks in which they were presented, i.e. the pesticides and biocides legislations, which lay down clear regulatory consequences for substances identified as ED. The current interim criteria are not fit for purpose and need to be replaced by the scientific criteria as soon as possible.

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