

MINUTES, 23/06/2023

MEETING CAB WOJCIECHOWSKI – BASF SE AND POLSKIE STOWARZYSZENIE OCHRONY ROŚLIN (PSOR) ON 23/06/2023

Subject: *Current legislative initiatives: Sustainable Use Directive and Farm to Fork; New Geonomic Techniques; Chemical Strategy for Sustainability and its impact on the food sector and agriculture*

Participants: 4.1(b)-privacy (BASF), 4.1(b)-privacy (PSOR), Joanna Stawowy (Commission)

Points raised by BASF and PSOR:

- Need for realistic law making, setting targets but with tools available to make the ambition possible. For example: long time to complete registration process for alternative to chemical pesticides makes it difficult for farmers to have access to viable alternatives.
- There is a big problem of illegal imports in the EU of pesticides and other substances officially banned for use.
- Chemical Strategy is blacklisting a big number of chemical compounds currently used and will have a huge adverse effect on EU industry, including the production of pharmaceuticals, also those use in livestock production.
- What will happen to legislative proposals not finalised before the end of term of the current European Parliament?

Response by CAB:

- It is always a delicate balancing exercise to translate overall EU targets into national targets. Legislation is proposed by the Commission but the ultimate responsibility lies with the co-legislator, so now the Parliament and the Council will decide on SUR.
- In case of fraud, stakeholders are encouraged to inform OLAF.
- Good note is taken of concerns on chemical strategy.
- New parliament can continue the work, although the elections may lead to different political composition and shift in priorities.