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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels,

Dear Mr Veillerette,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June 2013 in which you express concerns regarding the implementation of the Directive 2009/128/EC establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides¹. You included detailed considerations on the matter, which we will make available and discuss with Member States delegates in the context of the experts working group on the Sustainable Use Directive.

I would like to reassure you that my services are following closely the proper implementation of this Directive, and in particular the submission of the requested National Action Plans (NAPs) to which you refer in detail in your letter.

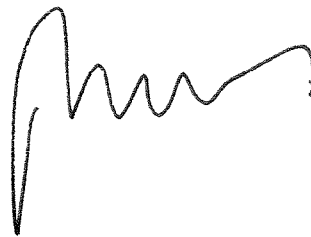
Not all NAPs have been submitted by 26 November 2012 as provided for by Article 4. Hence, we have launched the relevant formal procedures to urge Member States to submit their NAPs (so-called EU Pilot cases). We are determined to launch infringement procedures if these initial steps do not result in the submission of the missing NAPs.

DG SANCO has planned an internal analysis of the NAPs which will constitute the basis for the report that the Commission has to submit to the Parliament and to the Council by 26 November 2014.

Furthermore, this analysis will also be used by DG SANCO's inspection service, the Food and Veterinary Office, to target its specific inspections and audits in the future.

We will continue to keep the public informed in the most appropriate way about the development of the implementation of this Directive through our webpage.

Yours sincerely,



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¹OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71