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Swedish view on guidance on the concept of negligible exposure, in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

Dear Mr Flüh,

I am writing to you to express our deep concern regarding a topic of immediate interest with regard to Regulation (EC) no 1107/2009, to be discussed at the meeting of the Negligible Exposure Working Group on the 28th of January - the guidance on the concept of negligible exposure.

From a legal point of view, and bearing in mind the main objectives of the Regulation, we believe it is of utmost importance to maintain the initial purpose of hazard based cut-off criteria as well as the concept of negligible exposure. We would therefore urge the Commission to safeguard and retain these principles, when developing the guidance on the definition on negligible exposure.

Yours sincerely,

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