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INFORMATION

From:	Presidency
To:	Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products)
Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) of 22 July 2020 - Presidency flash

Delegations will find in annex the Presidency flash in view of the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) of 22 July 2020.



PRESIDENCY FLASH

Council Working Party “Agricultural Questions”

Brussels, 16 July 2020

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of German presidency, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the upcoming Kick-off meeting of the Council Working Party on “Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products)”, scheduled for 22 July 2020 as a video conference (only in English language), as a morning session only with starting time at 10:00. Unfortunately the meeting could only be organized on a very short notice before summer break.

The general aim of this Council Working Group is to start with the work on developing Council conclusions on each of the following reports:

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 and Regulation (EC) no. 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides. The report has the number 8268/20.
The report is accompanied by a Staff working document which should be also taken into account with the number 8268/20 Add 1.
- Report from the Commission to European Parliament and the Council on the experience gained by Member States on the implementation of national targets established in their National Action Plans and on progress in the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides. The report has the number 8238/20.

Both documents were published together with the Farm to fork Strategy and were submitted to the European Parliament and to the Council on 25 May 2020.

We have scheduled two more meetings on the **18 September 2020** and on **27 November 2020**.

The first Council Working Party on 22 July will focus, in the first part, on a presentation of the Commission regarding their analysis and findings to the evaluation questions regarding the 1107/2009 and on the essential issues of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. In second part, the Commission will present the report on progress in the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC.

After each presentation delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions and give their first comments.

Delegations are invited to inform beforehand the Presidency (Rita.Lauterbach-Hemmann@bmel.bund.de; 713@bmel.bund.de; 313@bmel.bund.de) and the General Secretariat of the Council (LIFE3@consilium.europa.eu) of any issues they intend to raise under AOB.

Next steps

Member States are invited to submit written comments **until 21 August 2020**.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us or the General Secretariat of the Council.

We are looking forward to seeing/hearing you in the upcoming meeting and having a successful collaboration over the coming weeks!

On behalf of the German Presidency,

Rita Lauterbach Hemmann, Monika Schumacher and Wolfgang Reinert