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INFORMATION

From:	Presidency
To:	Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products)
Subject:	Informal videoconference of the member of the Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) of 18 September 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 18 September 2020.



PRESIDENCY FLASH

Council Working Party “Agricultural Questions”

Brussels, 14 September 2020

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of German presidency, we are looking forward to welcoming you after the summer break to the second meeting of the Council Working Party “Agricultural Questions (Pesticides, Residues)”, scheduled for 18 September 2020 as an informal video conference (only in English language), with starting time at 09:30.

The general aim of this Council Working Party is to start the discussion on draft Council Conclusions (CC) to get a common understanding on the findings of the

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides (REFIT-Report). The report has the number **8268/20** and has to be considered with the associated Staff working document 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 (SUD-Report). The report has the **number 8238/20**.

First drafts of council conclusions – based on your reactions received so far – were provided on the delegates portal with the number **WK 8635/20 (draft CC REFIT-Report)** and **WK 8636/2020 INIT (draft CC SUD-Report)**. We appreciate very much that we got a lot of detailed reactions from several member states on our request for comments on the REFIT Report and the SUD Report after the last meeting in July, all the more in the light of short time due to the summer break and the possible challenges in the light of the COVID situation. Thank you very much for your efforts. Member states will also have the possibility to comment in writing after the upcoming meeting to get a full picture of your opinions. We want to thank the Commission for their comprehensive presentations with a detailed and thorough look at their findings in the reports in our last meeting in July.

We will have a morning and an afternoon session to discuss the two draft Council Conclusions

09.30 – 12.30:	Discussion of draft CC on the REFIT Report
12.30 – 13.30:	Lunch break
13.30 – 15.30:	Discussion of draft CC on the SUD Report

We have scheduled another meeting on **27 November 2020**.

The delegations are invited to inform the Presidency (Rita.Lauterbach-Hemmann@bmel.bund.de; 713@bmel.bund.de; 313@bmel.bund.de) and the General Secretariat of the Council (LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu) beforehand of any issues they intend to raise under AOB.



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