



23 November 2006



To : the Members of the Commission of Environment,
Public Health and Food Safety the Members of the com-
mission of Agriculture and Rural Development

N/réf. :

**Subject : Beekeepers - Pesticides - Inclusion of active substances
in Annex I of Directive 91/414**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In 2003 the European Parliament showed great interest in the problems that European beekeepers have been facing in the past fifteen years, by adopting a resolution¹ inviting the Commission to set up various measures that, unfortunately, have not yet been implemented. In particular, the establishment of an expert committee where the beekeeper associations would be represented has not been carried out.

Nevertheless, various beekeeper associations and environmental organisations are writing today to the European Commission with the request not to include in the Annex I of Directive 91/414 certain active substances that are problematic for the evaluation of risk in relation to bees. These problems have been partly made known by the decision of the French council of state of 24 February 2006, decision that will be legally applicable in all European Countries². Please find enclosed our letter to the Commission for your perusal.

With the aim to keep you informed on the development of this issue and to stimulate an exchange of views with the members of your Committee, the signatories of this letter would like to ask you for a hearing of your Committee to discuss the evaluation of risks in relation to bees in the current European legislation and in the management of the documents on active substances.

1 JO C81E du 31 mars 2004, pp. 107-108.

2 Section du contentieux sur le rapport de la 3ème sous-section, Séance du 24 février 2006 Lecture du 28 avril 2006, N° 269103,269109,269686,269722,269959, 270004 : ASSOCIATION GENERALE DES PRODUCTEURS DE MAÏS et autres, voir lien : http://www.conseil-etat.fr/ce/jurisprd/index_ac_ld0621.shtml

Many thanks for your time and consideration.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

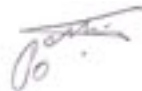
Yours sincerely,

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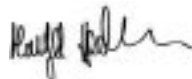
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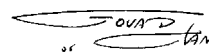
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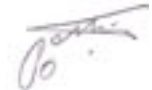
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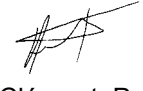
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