

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Director-General

Brussels,
SANTE/E3/PP/df

Dear Mr Veillerette, Mr Wates, Mr Brunner, Mr Riss,

Subject: Reply to your letter on national implementation of the Directive 2009/128/EC establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides

Thank you for your letter of 29 October 2015 in which you express concern about the delay of the Commission report provided for by Article 4 of Directive 2009/128/EC establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides¹.

I would like to inform you that we are finalising the report and aim at transmitting it to the Council and the Parliament during the Dutch Presidency term.

I fully share your views with respect to the importance of a proper implementation of the directive and I would like to reassure you that DG SANTE will follow up on it.

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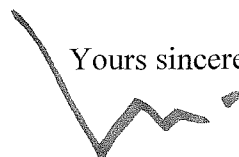
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¹ O.J. L. 309, 24.11.2009, p.71

I would like to bring your attention to the fact that the provisions of the Directive are within the scope of the audit programme of DG SANTE's Food and Veterinary Office. This allows us to specifically follow up the progress in the implementation in each Member State.

Moreover, we are periodically organising expert group meetings with national delegates to facilitate harmonisation and the sharing of best practices identified, involving when appropriate other Commission Services responsible for complementary policies to support Member States in the achievement of the objectives of the Directive itself.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xavier Prats Monné', written in a cursive style.

Xavier Prats Monné