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NOTE

from: Dutch delegation
to: Council

Subject: Follow-up of re-evaluation by EFSA of active substance fipronil

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Dutch delegation, on the abovementioned subject, to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 15 July 2013.

Follow-up of re-evaluation by EFSA of active substance fipronil

The active substance fipronil has recently been re-evaluated by EFSA via a European Commission mandate. The evaluation has focused on the risk to bees. EFSA published their conclusions 27 May 2013. Missing information was identified by EFSA as being required to allow a complete risk assessment. Also an acute risk to honey bees was identified from exposure via dust drift for the authorised uses in maize.

The EFSA conclusions will be presented and discussed with member states in the upcoming SCoFCAH-PPP meeting, 15-16 July meeting. The Netherlands would like to request the Commission to present during that meeting on expert level also a proposal for discussion, following the pattern that Commission has earlier established with the three neonicotinoids imidacloprid, clothianidin en thiamethoxam.

The Netherlands would support action on community level, where risks have been identified and in line with the earlier European Commission decision on the three mentioned neonicotinoids, as of 24 May 2013. The proposed action on community level should be taken as soon as possible.