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**INVITATION TO WTO MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVALUATION  
OF THE EU PESTICIDE LEGISLATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

The following communication, dated 16 November 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

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1. Plant protection products and their residues are regulated in the European Union (EU) by Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009<sup>1</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 396/2005<sup>2</sup>. The European Commission has decided to carry out an evidence-based evaluation of these two regulations in order to assess if they are still fit for purpose and meet the needs of citizens, businesses and public institutions in an efficient manner. The evaluation is part of the European Commission's Better Regulation Agenda, which aims at designing and evaluating EU policies and laws transparently, on the basis of evidence, and taking into account the views of citizens and stakeholders.

2. The EU's trading partners are invited to contribute to the evaluation by responding to a stakeholder survey. Information and views from trading partners will enable the European Commission to better understand impacts of the current provisions of the two Regulations on international trade.

3. The survey is available online and is open until 31 December 2017. The EU's trading partners are invited to respond to the survey, in particular to questions 107-112 on international trade. It is not necessary to answer all the questions, as the survey is addressed to all stakeholders and not all chapters are expected to be of the same importance for all stakeholder groups.

4. The European Commission will report on the outcome of the evaluation to the European Council and the European Parliament. The report is expected to be completed in the beginning of 2019.

5. A webpage dedicated to the evaluation has been created by the European Commission and it will be updated as appropriate during that process.

**Relevant links:**

- The survey is accessible at:  
<https://s.chkmt.com/?e=100528&h=EA0019E298B081E&l=en>
- The European Commission's webpage dedicated to the evaluation is accessible at:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/refit\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/refit_en)

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC.

- Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market is accessible at:  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32009R1107>
  - Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin is accessible at:  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396>
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