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Subject: BTO meeting with CORTEVA / DOW on pesticides ; 10 January 2019

Dear Sabine,
Please find below the BTO of the meeting with CORTEVA last week.
Kind regards
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Participants

SANTE: Sabine JUELICHER, [REDACTED]

CORTEVA / DOW: [REDACTED]

The meeting was requested by CORTEVA/DOW. They explained that:

- The aim of the company is to provide solutions to farmers. Some old active substances do not have replacement yet, and therefore farmers ask to keep them because they need them. Farmers in the USA are more vocal than farmers in the EU on this. This is for instance the case for Chlorpyrifos for some crops/pest combinations (aphids, scales).
- The company is refreshing its chemical portfolio, but replacing old substances by new ones with better toxicological profile takes time. In the next few years, there is the intention to apply for several new active substances.
- Stressed that regulation should not be done on the basis of public pressure triggered by activists which do not trust the legal regulatory system but on sound evidence
- Indicated that the US court case on Chlorpyrifos is not yet final, as an appeal has been filed.
- Indicated that sulfoxaflor is a different case, as the substance is new and safe uses for pollinators are identified for non-flowering periods of the crop. All PPP authorisations in the EU are on non-flowering crops or applied during non-flowering time windows of the crop. Corteva wondered if a request to amend the conditions of approval with a restriction would be possible.

SANTE explained that

- some active substances have a bad toxicological profile and keeping defending them may thus represent a reputational damage to the applicant.
- COM may interpret Art 17 in a more restrictive way in future, in particular if the quality of the dossiers submitted was not good and thus the delays triggered are not beyond the control of the applicant. In such cases, applicants should not take it for granted that the Commission will keep granting extensions of approval.
- COM confirmed that it would be possible for Corteva to request a restriction of the approval conditions of sulfoxaflor

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