

RE: MRLs & environmental factors and the EU's TBT notification - documents

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Hi Craig,
Nice to hear from you – thanks for sharing this helpful information.
Best,
Rob

From: Craig Thorn <Exemption 6@dtbassociates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:42 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: MRLs & environmental factors and the EU's TBT notification - documents

Dear all,

I'm slow in passing on to you the message below. I'm guessing you're already in touch with the South Africans. If not, you might want to contact the official listed below. It sounds like they are interested in coordinating.

I'm sure Rob knows Tshifiwa Mahosi, the South African attaché in Geneva who handles SPS issues. I met with him in Geneva a few weeks ago (to talk about a Codex issue), and he expressed his concern about the neonic MRLs. They recognize the importance of the precedent.

Craig



From: Wibke Meyer <Exemption 6@croplife.org>
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Hi Ray, Ben and Craig,

The government of South Africa has expressed interest in engaging with other governments on the EU TBT notification for lowering MRLs based on environmental factors. Please feel free to share the contact details with Sabina and/or Rob. I don't know if they have been in touch already.

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Kind regards,
Wibke


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Dear Fike,

I recall in our briefing call with Sbu on 12th that he wanted to reach out to other countries in the region and beyond that are considering providing comments on the notification.

Today we had a update call and several countries are gearing up to provide comments by the deadline of 4th September. To mention a few; India, Argentina, Chile, Kenya, Canada, US, as engagement in the countries is still going on, we should be able to get more confirmations this week and will be happy to share the information. 

I have put our colleague from CLI (Wibke), in copy and if Sbu and team would like she can link them up with Canada.

In addition, I will be participating in a meeting with the Kenyan Committees tomorrow, I will be happy to provide the link to the chair for Govt – to Govt consultations.

I hope they had a productive meeting on 18th!

Thanking you in advance

Stella

From: Fikile Nzuzza <Exemption 6@croplife.co.za>

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FYI: update from Sbu.

From: Innocent Sbu Khumalo <Exemption 6@thedtic.gov.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 August 2022 09:21

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Dear Ms Nzuzwa

Receipt of the email and associated documents is hereby acknowledged.

In addition, this is to confirm that the department has discussed your matter and agreed to raise the specific trade concern (STC) with the EU.

There will be two prompt approaches. First, bilateral with the EU. Second, table the (STC) with the WTO in preparation for September 2022 deadline. Also, that the STCs will be discussed in the WTOTBT Committee meeting that is schedule to take place during the month of November 2022.

The National TBT Committee is schedule for a meeting for the 18 August 2022. Amongst other things, the National TBT Committee will discuss MRLs & environment factors and EU's TBT notification).

Will provide regular update on the matter.

Regards

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