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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT:** *Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) market access to Canada - preparations of the fifth SPS Joint Management Committee under CETA - 25-27 October 2022*

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**OBJECTIVE:** *For information and comments – deadline 31 October 2022 (completion SPS matrix)*

**REMARKS:**

The Commission would like to inform of the upcoming EU - Canada Sanitary and Phytosanitary SPS Joint Management Committee (SPS JMC) scheduled from 25-27 October 2022 (3 short sessions) via hybrid meetings, with in-persons meetings in Ottawa, Canada and possibility to connect via videoconference.

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The final agenda with annotations, including the EU positions, is annexed to this note. The agenda takes on board the input received from several Member States.

Furthermore, based on the names received from Member States, connection details on the meeting will be shared with the participants of the meeting.

Member States are also invited to **update by 31 October 2022**, the overview table (SPS matrix) on SPS market access applications to Canada, this table is available in the SPS section of the Market Access Database (MADB). The information in the SPS matrix is important as it is used to further follow-up these applications with Canada. Market access applications of EU Member States not uploaded in the SPS matrix will not be followed-up by the Commission with Canada. The Commission would like to highlight the importance of keeping this information updated as Canada has received access to the *Collaborative space* of the MADB and consequently has received access to *inter alia* the information of the SPS matrices for Canada.

The agenda as well as the outcome of the fifth SPS Joint Management Committee will be made publicly available on following Commission website:

[https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/canada/eu-canada-agreement/committees-and-dialogues\\_en](https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/canada/eu-canada-agreement/committees-and-dialogues_en)

Market Access Database (MADB)

This note, the annexes and the SPS matrix/matrices is/are available in the MADB, at <https://madb.tradenet.ec.europa.eu/>. In the SPS “User Guide” (available at the bottom, of the SPS sections of the MADB), Member States will find details on: 1) how to obtain a new account (login/password); 2) contact lists of officials from EU Member States, European Commission, third countries and EU Delegations, as well as of EU and national business organisations; 3) how to complete the "SPS matrices" and “audits”; 4) how to subscribe to receive e-mail notifications when new documents are uploaded or existing ones are modified in the MADB; and 5) the types of SPS documents, their intended uses and access permissions.

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