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Open letter: National Implementation of the Directive 2009/128/EC establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides

Dear Mr Prats Monne,

On 29 October 2015 we wrote to you to express our concern about the delayed publication of the report on the implementation of the EU Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUDP) that the European Commission was due to submit to the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers on 26 November 2014.

In the above-mentioned letter we highlighted the need for the European Commission to ensure serious monitoring and guidance on the implementation of the SUDP. Such a need is confirmed by the conclusions of two audits of the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) published in 2015 concerning the implementation of the SUDP in Austria and Italy¹. Both audits concluded that *‘There is no system to verify that all professional users implement the general principles of IPM as required by Article 14 of Directive 2009/128/EC’*.

In your reply (Ares(2016)364399) of 22 January 2016 you stated that the European Commission is: *“finalising the report and aim at transmitting it to the Council and the Parliament during the Dutch Presidency term. I fully share your views with respect to the importance of a proper implementation of the directive and I would like to reassure you that DG SANTE will follow up on it.”*

As the Dutch presidency ended in June 2016 and it has been almost two years since the deadline for publication, we would be grateful if you would answer the following questions on the report required by Article 4(3) of Directive 2009/128/EC:

1. On what date will the report be published?
2. In what form will the report be published?

The SUDP’s aim is to reduce risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment. It is essential that the Commission immediately reports on Member States implementation of the SUDP so that the benefit to human and environmental health can be realised.

¹ In 2015 FVO published the following audit reports concerning marketing and use of pesticides:
Austria: http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3480
Italy: http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3484

Yours sincerely,



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