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The seventeenth meeting of the CEUREG Forum was organised in Budapest, Hungary.

CEUREG Forum XVII. participants: Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine, European Commission, ECPA.

The *CEUREG Forum XVII*. meeting took place according to the Agenda (see enclosed). Participating countries from the CEUREG region, industry and other representatives discussed the PPPs authorisation system established by the Regulation 1107/2009/EC replacing Directive 91/414/EEC, and requirements on the PPPs use established by the Directive 2009/128/EC, implementation of the Directive 2009/128/EC in individual countries and also the industry and others view on it. Other topics discussed included:

- challenges of the new processes in PPPs authorisation
- zonal mutual recognition
- auxilliary products, non-PPP products and yield enhancers
- bee safety, investigation of bee incidents
- actions against counterfeited products
- inspections on the placing on the market of PPPs, sampling and laboratory testing
- authorisation of PPP's in non-EU countries

Participants from regulatory bodies of the CEUREG Region Countries agreed on the following conclusions and recommendations:

- 1) EU Member States personal capacity should be appropriate to the requirements and shorter timelines established by the Regulation 1107/2009/EC. Some EU Member States from CEUREG region still have capacity problems.
- 2) CEUREG Region Countries decided to promote the co-operation in the area of PPPs controls and actions against counterfeited products and the illegal trade. The list of contact points of relevant institutions (inspections, customs officers etc.) should be completed as soon as possible and should be available on the CEUREG Forum web page www.ceureg.com with the aim of warning each other on infringements and thus increase the efficiency of inspections.
- 3) Reporting tables with the survey results on bees and auxilliary products should be circulated among responding countries for their control and agreement with publishing.

4) The need of the European Reference Laboratory for the formulation analysis was identified in connection with the Regulation on Official Controls.

Documents and presentations from the CEUREG Forum XVII. and previous CEUREG Forum meetings are available on the CEUREG Forum web page <u>www.ceureg.com</u>.

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