Discussion among the Member States: What we know

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Council Working Party - timeline

The core text is finished

Annex 1 & 2 have been discussed for the second time in October

Today, 16 November, annex 3 & 4 will be discussed

The Slovak Presidency is ambitious, aims to present a mature text to the ambassadors in December 2016 for political guidance

The incoming Maltese Presidency will continue the work, putting 3 persons on this dossier
Limits and liability

• “For any aspects not covered by Annex I or II, EU fertilising products shall not present a risk (article 4).”

Transition period

• ”Ensure a sufficient transition period for Member States and economic operators of two years (articles 48/49)”.

Core text:
Annex 1 & 2:

**Organic fertiliser**
- Plans for sampling for pathogens
- Introducing a new contaminant limit for total chromium
- Introducing contaminant limits for copper & zinc (well known plant nutrients)
- Liming materials will be included in the category soil improver

**Mineral fertiliser**
- Change of definition
- Introducing a new contaminant limit for total chromium
- Introducing contaminant limits for copper & zinc (well known plant nutrients)
- Name has not been changed yet
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- The discussion is still ongoing
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Note: This information is based on informal intelligence gathering and is subject to change. The countries are mentioned in alphabetical order.
Controlled release fertilisers

• Several national delegations raised the same concerns as the fertilizer industry and the growers:
  - UK, Netherlands, Poland, France and Belgium
• Latest publically available Presidency text, 18 Oct.:
• Still no changes in the Presidency text
Conclusions

1. So far a very technical discussion
2. Timing of ideas for compromises is now
3. The discussion is (as always) closed to stakeholders
4. Political guidance & priorities are missing
   - Definition
   - CRF
   - Cadmium
   - Labelling
5. Position of Member States ........