



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

Core text:

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)”.

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

Annex 3 & 4 & 5:

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- The discussion is still ongoing

Council Working Party - Cadmium fertilizers



Limit > 75 mg	Limit at 60 mg	Limit at 50 mg	Supporting Commission proposal or below 60 mg
Ireland	Austria	Germany	Czech Republic
Poland	Belgium		Denmark
Portugal	Bulgaria		Estonia
Romania	Croatia		Finland
Spain	France		Latvia
UK	Greece		Lithuania
	Slovenia		Netherlands
			Sweden

Note: This information is based on informal intelligence gathering and is subject to change . The countries are mentioned in alphabetical order.

Controlled release fertilisers

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CRF

- 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

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- So far a very technical discussion

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- Timing of ideas for compromises is now

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- The discussion is (as always) closed to stakeholders

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- Political guidance & priorities are missing
 - Definition
 - CRF
 - Cadmium
 - Labelling

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- Position of Member States