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The Director-General

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Subject: Pesticides statistics and the European Green Deal
**Ref.: Your correspondence addressed to Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni
or Commissioner Frans Timmermans**

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your message. We take note of your concerns related to the availability of data on pesticides use.

The Commission published the proposal for a Regulation on Statistics on Agricultural Input and Output that includes a substantial improvement in the availability of data on the use of plant protection products in agriculture, compared to the current situation.

The legislative negotiations on the proposal have been ongoing between the European Parliament and the Council since January 2022, based on the Commission's proposal.

The political compromise on the text was agreed between the co-legislators on 2 June 2022 (see the Council website: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/02/council-and-parliament-reach-provisional-political-agreement-on-the-new-regulation-on-agricultural-input-and-output-statistics-saio/>).

The Commission proposal aims to provide the decision-making process with updated data to support the European Green Deal with the related 'farm to fork' and 'biodiversity' strategies and future CAP reforms. The compromise reached by co-legislators is expected to lead to the envisaged improvement as set out in the Commission's proposal.

Your sincerely,

(eSigned)
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