

## NEWSFLASH AIPROM August 2015

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*Dear Members,*

*Here you may find a brief summary of AIPROM activities in August. For more details, please do not hesitate to write to us. Thank you!*

### MEETINGS

▪ **August 4 – Meeting with the Environment Fund to discuss project ordinance modifying OUG nr.196/2005** : Industry representatives presented the deficiencies of the draft ordinance (double taxation, economic impact) and asked authorities to reconsider their position and exclude PPPs from taxation either, as with fertilizers. Informed by AIPROM, representatives of LAPAR showed the economic impact of a supplementary taxation and the effect on farmers' competitiveness and capability to invest. The project of ordinance was to be submitted in the Government Meeting of August 27, but it was not. AIPROM asked for a meeting with the Ministry of Environment, together with other associations from the chemistry industry but no answer was received by this date. However, AIPROM closely watches the evolution of the situation and keeps tight contact with the other interested parties.

### PROJECT STATUS

#### REGISTRATION & LEGAL

- **August 21 - Draft ordinance regarding instruction and certification of professional users, distributors and advisors for the sustainable and safe use of PPPs:** AIPROM WG1 and lawyer worked together to constructively comment upon the draft material shared by ANF. The proposal sent by AIPROM is shaped based on the needs and realities of Romanian agriculture and also used models applied in other countries. AIPROM proposal considers that instruction and certification of professional users is a priority that must be treated very responsibly. ANF will have next rounds of discussions with the other ministries involved in implementation and AIPROM will be further involved.
- **August 31** – Members of WG1 met to examine the current PPP commercial legislation and advance proposals for update and harmonization with already existing legislation on the Sustainable Use Directive.

#### ANTICOUNTERFEIT

- **August 14 – Members of the AC WG met with Chief Commissary Dan Ghiultu and discussed support requested by IGPR from AIPROM** such as storage of suspicious transportation detained for seizure, payment for analysis of samples from suspicious detained PPPs, transportation of detained PPPs suspicious of being fake, destruction of illegal PPPs, collaboration with a private detective company, implementation of the 4-step approach and collaboration with Customs; the recommendations of the Group will be discussed with the Board
- **August 20 - AC Task Force members had a working meeting with Chief Commissary Doru Dorobantu** about ways to collaborate with the Customs authorities and conclusions of the cross-border project implemented by SELEC in January
- **August 28 – AC Task Force members met with a private investigation company in order to explore ways for collaboration at Association's level;** a draft proposal will be forwarded to the Board

#### SAFE USE INITIATIVE

▪ **August 8 – results of the market analysis regarding availability of PPE at PPP distributors are ready to be shared with members;** the study performed by AIPROM took into consideration the top 15 PPP distributors and 3 protection equipment distributors; the wear of adequate PPE still needs to be strongly promoted among both users and distributors, the results of the study showing that neither ones or the others being completely aware of its importance; AIPROM has sent complete packages with a set of PPE and instructions to all distributors that are also collection centers for SCAPA

#### SCAPA

- **August 19 – AIPROM met with RIGK representatives in their periodical meetings** to discuss more topics such as the classification of the collection centers, proposals for promotion and increased visibility of the collection centers, new recyclers and finalising the audit report, revision of the authorisations of the collection centers.
- **August 27 – SCAPA Task Force met to wrap up conclusions** of the meeting with RIGK and define activity plan for revisit of SCAPA strategy and development of new plan until the end of the year

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

- **September 7** – WG4 meeting
- **September 16** – Social media training, ECPA