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**Information on national registrations of pesticides:
Discussion paper on the establishment of a Codex database of national
registrations of pesticides**

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European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Australia and Germany for the preparation of the Discussion paper on the establishment of a Codex database of national registrations of pesticides.

The EUMS provided the Chair of the e-WG with the country-specific list of current national registration status of pesticides listed in Tables 2A and 2B, as requested by the Codex Circular Letter CL 2017/18-PR.

The EUMS note that this task will substantially increase the current workload for Codex Members. Given that such database would have to be updated annually to reflect the national authorisations in place, the EUMS question its added value and would like to have some clarification on the rationale behind this initiative. Particularly, the EUMS would like to discuss the level of detail needed for such a database. However, this information is constantly evolving and it would be more quickly outdated compared to more general information on national authorisations. A balance should therefore be found between the level of detailed information and the additional workload for the competent authorities of Codex Members. This, also taking into account the risk to provide outdated and therefore wrong information if the database is not regularly updated.