



*Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
The Chair*

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Mr Adrián Vázquez Lázara
Chair
Committee on Legal Affairs
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Subject: Opinion on the Commission's proposals for regulations on the unitary supplementary protection certificate and the supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products (COM(2023)0221 – C9-0152/2023 – 2023/126(COD)) and (COM(2023)0223 – C9-0149/2023 – 2023/128(COD))

Dear Mr Chair,

I refer to the Commission's proposals for regulations on the unitary supplementary protection certificate [2023/0126 (COD)] and the supplementary protection certificate [2023/0128 (COD)] for plant protection products.

AGRI Coordinators considered the matter at their meeting of 23 May. They noted that the proposals are intended to complement the unitary patent system, and would not substantially modify the existing regime for supplementary protection certificate.

Unitary supplementary protection certificates are an important tool for this kind of products and for fostering innovation. Since the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, only very few substances have been approved while more and more substances are losing their approval, which leaves farmers with less tools to achieve the Union's goals. We urge the Committee on Legal Affairs to consider the situation of farmers.

Consequently, Coordinators recommended not to give an opinion on the above legislative proposals and to convey this position to you.

This recommendation was endorsed by the AGRI Committee at its meeting on 6 July 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norbert Lins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct dot over the 'i' in "Lins".

Norbert Lins