Pesticides: framework for Community action to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides

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The Council took note of information provided by the Commission on a proposal for a Regulation concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

Giving their first reactions, certain Member States identified a number of issues that will require further examination, including the need for specific rules on parallel imports, the proposed principle of compulsory mutual recognition within a three-zone system, and ways of taking into account the varying needs of individual Member States and ensuring that plant protection products are available for minor crops.