EU'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE AG IMS DATABASE IN THE COA REVIEW PROCESS

Regular Committee on Agriculture

Information session enhancing transparency and the CoA review process
13 September 2016
1. Preparing to ask a question

2. Asking a question

3. Follow-up to questions and replies

4. Benefits and challenges of the database
1. Preparing to ask a question

Article 18.6

- Current market related issues
- Information from industry/Member States/Press

Notifications

- Improving understanding of ag policies
- Systemic issues
- Preparation for discussion on future policy/WTO initiatives

Ag IMS historical information:
- Have we asked a question about this before?
- Who may be interested to co-sponsor?
2. Asking a question

- Confirmation email with ID number

3. Follow-up to questions and replies

- Easy follow-up
4. Benefits and challenges of the database

Benefits:
- Structured archives of the CoA review contain a wealth of information
- Database reduces time needed to manage questions and replies
- It improves follow-up
- It helps to integrate other colleagues and share information
- Smaller Missions or administrations should be able to participate more actively in the review

Challenges:
- Secretariat's assistance
- Members themselves need to keep track of uploading questions and replies
- Transparency transparency transparency!

THANK YOU!