DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There is a conflict of interest where the impartiality and objectivity of a decision, opinion or recommendation of the Agency and/or its bodies, is or might in the public perception be compromised by an interest held by, or entrusted to, an individual working for the Ctgb.

Please note that having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest. In particular, high quality of (scientific) expertise is by nature based on prior experience. Declaring an interest does therefore not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation in the activities of the Ctgb.

On the other hand it should be emphasised that this declaration of interest form does not contain an exhaustive list of potential interests and that all other elements that might jeopardise your independence when working with the Agency should thus also be indicated. Your answers will then be reviewed and dealt with in accordance with the procedure described in the 'Ctgb gedragscode integriteit'.

Declaration of Commitment

I hereby declare that I shall make all reasonable efforts to fulfil my duties related to the work of the board for the Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Ctgb).

Declaration of Interests

Name: [redacted] van der Meulen

Position in Ctgb: Secretaris bezwaar adviescommissie

hereby declares to have the following interests:

I. Employment

Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a commercial entity[1] or other organisation[2] with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	**Time period (from…until month/year)**	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description[3]**

II. Consultancy, legal representation or advice

Within the past 5 years, did you provide advice or services to a commercial entity4 or other organisation5 with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb? This includes also services provided for free. Regular consultancy shall be declared under "Employment"

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	**Time period (from…until month/year)**	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description**

III. Membership of Governing Body, Scientific Advisory Body or equivalent structure

Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a commercial entity or other organisation with an interest in the regulatory field of activity

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[1] This includes any commercial business, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.
[2] An **'organisation'** includes governmental, international or non-profit organisations, as well as interest groups.
[3] Please indicate your precise role and the activity of the entity, and how these relate to the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb.
[4] This includes any commercial business, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.
[5] An **'organisation'** includes governmental, international or non-profit organisations, as well as interest groups.

of Ctgb (e.g. board membership, directorship) or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from…until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description

IV. Other membership or affiliation

Within the past 5 years, have you had any membership or affiliation other than the above that can be perceived as creating a potential conflict of interest?

☐ No
x☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from…until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description
Member of the independent advisory review board	**2016-2026**	**CTGB**	**Lid bezwaaradviescommissie CTGB**

V. Research funding

Within the past 5 years, have you or the research entity to which you belong received any support from a commercial entity or other organisation with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from…until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description

VI. Investments

Do you have current investments in a commercial entity with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb, including holding of stocks and shares, stock options, equity, bonds, partnership interest in the capital of such undertaking, one of its subsidiaries or a company in the capital of which it has a holding and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per commercial entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such commercial entity?[6]

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Investment	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**

VII. Intellectual Property

Do you have any intellectual property rights (e.g. patent, trademark, copyright or proprietary know-how) in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb that might create a potential conflict of interest?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Intellectual Property	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description**

VIII. Public statements and positions

Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb for a commercial entity or other organisation as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the regulatory field of activity of Ctgb?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	**Time period (from…until month/year)**	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description**

[6] You may exclude financial interests held through an investment fund, pension fund and/or interests in non-nominal unit trusts or similar arrangements, provided that these investments are broadly diversified and you have no influence on their financial management.

IX. Other relevant information

Are there any other elements that could be seen as jeopardising your independence when working for the Ctgb?

☐ No
x☐ Yes, and more in particular:

I am active in the field of food law in research, publication, teaching, associations and consultancy. MRLs of pesticides are a part of food law. In teaching I have publicly voiced criticism on the European Commission's Omnibus X which touches among others upon the regulation of pesticides and biocides.

X. Interests held by colleagues or research company to which you belong[7]

Do one of your colleagues or the research company to which you belong have interests in the regulatory field of the Ctgb (as specified above in paragraphs I.-IX.) that are related to this assignment and/or the file holder?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description**

XI. Interests held by close family members[8]

Do any of your close family members hold any current interests in the regulatory field of activity of the Ctgb (as specified above in the sections I.-IX.)?

x☐ No
☐ Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	**Name of organisation or commercial entity**	**Description**

[7] State interests here if an employee of a so called Evaluerende Instantie (EI) receives an assignment that relates to work performed by a colleague on behalf of applicant(s) or is otherwise related to the Evaluating Body where the employee is employed.
[8] For this purpose, **'close family members'** are considered to be the persons forming a household with the person making this declaration (spouse, partner, and/or dependent children). For privacy reasons neither the relationship nor the name is to be included. Only current interests held by close family members are of relevance and not past interests.

I hereby declare that I have read the Ctgb Gedragscode Integriteit and that the above Declaration of Interest is at my best knowledge complete. I understand that for all members of the Ctgb management and the Ctgb Board this declaration will be published on the Ctgb website.

Please note that the Ctgb will ensure on its part that your personal data hereby submitted is processed as required by *Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data*. The data is necessary for the purpose of implementing the Ctgb gedragscode integriteit and will be retained for a time period of 7 years. You have the right to access and rectify that data. Under certain conditions, a right to erasure, restriction, objection and/or data portability also applies. To exercise these rights, please contact the HRM department. You can contact the Ctgb Data Protection Officer for any questions or complaints with regard to the processing of your personal data. In case you do not receive a satisfactory outcome, you can have recourse to the Director of the Ctgb.

Date: 24 August 2026

Place: [redacted]

Signature: [redacted]

