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**CropLife International Welcomes Clear Timeline for
China-U.S. Agricultural Trade Decisions**

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CropLife International's Howard Minigh, president and chief executive officer, released the following statement in response to the 100-Day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue:

“The plant biotechnology industry recognizes and appreciates the leadership of the co-chairs of the U.S. China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue and the agreements they have made in regard to agricultural trade. CropLife International and its partners — the U.S. Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and CropLife China — welcome China’s National Biosafety Committee’s expedient and clear timeline and transparent process for assessing the safety of eight pending biotechnology product applications.

“Predictable, science-based, and timely approval processes help to ensure smooth global trade transactions, which in turn enable food and nutrition security. CropLife International, BIO, and CropLife China look forward to supporting the governments of China and the United States as they work together to resolve these trade challenges in a timely manner.”

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Note to Editor:

CropLife International is the voice of the global plant science industry. It champions the role of agricultural innovations in crop protection and plant biotechnology in supporting and advancing sustainable agriculture; helping farmers feed a growing population while looking after the planet; and progressing rural communities. The world needs farmers, and farmers need plant science. CropLife International is proud to be at the heart of helping farmers grow.