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### CropLife International Statement on Proposed China Tariff

**Brussels—9 March 2018**—Last week, in response to proposed U.S. tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese imports, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce released a list of 106 U.S. products that could potentially be subject to import levies. This list includes a proposed 25% tax on U.S. soybean imports. CropLife International releases the following statement in response to the potential tariffs on U.S. agricultural products:

“CropLife International and its members recognize the significant concern around possible trade tariffs that could negatively impact U.S.-China trade and the U.S. soybean industry. Uninterrupted global trade is essential to achieving many UN Sustainable Development Goals, including zero hunger and economic growth.

We are confident the Chinese and U.S. governments will be able to successfully negotiate their trade policy concerns related to agricultural products in a timely manner. CropLife International and its members fully support continued active and productive bilateral trade discussions.

Innovative agricultural products are essential for addressing global challenges such as food and nutrition security, as well as improving farmer livelihoods and rural communities. CropLife International’s members are committed to developing sustainable agricultural tools that support farmers and consumers while protecting the environment.”

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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.