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Human health and the environment is a major concern for European Commission policy on the authorisation of plant protection products.

In an ambitious work programme launched in 1992, the European Commission started a Community-wide review process for all active ingredients used in plant protection products within the European Union. In a review process based on scientific assessments, each applicant had to prove that a substance could be used safely regarding human health, the environment, ecotoxicology and residues in the food chain. This programme will be completed by 2008. From the end of 2003, the new **European Food Safety Authority** deals with risk assessment issues and the European Commission retains the risk management decision.

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- **Legal Framework**
- **Guidance documents for the implementation of Council Directive 91/414/EEC**
- **EVALUATION OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES** :
- **State of the works** (SANCO/629/00 rev. 70), 23 March 2004 pdf (475KB) updated : 06-04-2005
- **Report** from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council : Evaluation of the active substances of plant protection products (doc. COM (2001) 444), 25 July 2001. pdf (50KB)
- **Technical annex** (Doc. SANCO/2692/2001), 25 July 2001 pdf (903KB)
- **Status of active substances under EU review (doc. 3010)** EXCEL (240KB) updated 17-10-2006
- **Existing active substances**
- **4th stage of review programme** (draft - doc.10157, Rev. 6) pdf (210KB)
- **New active substances**
- **Contact points** EXCEL (137KB) updated 14-11-2006

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SHORT REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH (PHYTOPHARMACEUTICALS SECTION) HELD ON 23-24 November 2006 IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, 24 November 2006
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President: P. Brunko
25 *Member States were present.*
Qualified majority: 232 votes and 13 Member States in favour.

Points for vote

1. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision recognising in principle the completeness of the dossiers submitted for detailed examination in view of pyroxsulam in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC** (SANCO/03721/2006 rev. 1)

   Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

2. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision allowing Member States to extend provisional authorisations granted for the new active substances benalaxyl-M, fluoxastrobin, prothioconazole, sulfuryl-fluoride, spirodiclofen and spiromesifen** (SANCO/03718/2006 rev. 2)

   Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

3. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision repealing Decision 2004/409/EC recognising in principle the completeness of the dossier submitted for detailed examination in view of the possible inclusion of ethaboxam in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC** (SANCO/03719/2006 rev. 2)

   Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

4. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of diuron in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC** (draft SANCO/10121/2005 rev. 9, draft review report SANCO/10542/2005 rev. 3)

   The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10542/2005 rev. 3.

   Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (29 votes against, 24 MS in favour).

5. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of cadusafos** (draft proposal SANCO/10471/2006 rev 0, draft review report SANCO/10035/2006 rev. 1)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10035/2006 rev. 1.

Greece stressed that "although Greece, based on data evaluated and taken into consideration for the EFSA conclusion, is voting in favor of Commission's proposal for non inclusion of cadusafos in Annex I of Dir 91/414/EEC, we wish to declare that on this case we find similarities with the case of active substance ethoprophos.

The similarities being that in both cases residue definition is not yet finalized. Taking into consideration the initial report of Greece as rapporteur where the outstanding metabolite in bananas was not considered to be relevant, and the fact that the Notifier provided us with a position paper that might address the open point of the metabolite as well as the, endorsed by Greece, previous decision of the notifier only to support drip irrigation as an application method, we would have preferred to postpone the vote on cadusafos.

Nevertheless the case of cadusafos, where data that might address the concerns, is already available makes this active substance a candidate for the reevaluation procedure envisaged to be discussed in the future."

The Commission replied that it was not possible to identify an acceptable use regarding the risk to consumers and therefore it is not possible to include such a substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. It is clear that Member States can not grant authorisations when the residue Regulation is in force unless there is an EU MRL established.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

6. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of phosmet** (draft proposal SANCO/10493/2006 rev. 2, draft review report SANCO/10050/2006 rev. 2)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10050/2006 rev. 2.

France stated:

1. "La France demande à la Commission de bien vouloir tenir compte des délais dont dispose les Etats Membres pour expertiser ses propositions, s'agissant en particulier de sujets d'une grande sensibilité et importance, avec des enjeux de santé, de protection de l'environnement et présentant des conséquences économiques majeurs pour les filières agricoles et l'industrie"

2. "La France regrette que l'évaluation de l'ensemble des études demandées pour les substances phosmet et dimethoate n'ait pas achevée au niveau communautaire avant que l'inscription de ces substances soit examinée. Les études complémentaires demandées constituent une part importante de l'évaluation de ces substances vis-à-vis de la santé ou de l'environnement. La France comprend que l'inscription de ces substances ne préjuge pas d'un changement de position qui pourrait intervenir au regard des résultats des études complémentaires, au cas où un risque pour la santé

humaine ou animale et/ou pour l'environnement serait identifiée à l'occasion des évaluations complémentaires qui sont effectuées par les Etats Membres."

The Commission reminded Member States that the review programme on existing active substances has to be finalised within the legal deadlines, and therefore it is not appropriate to delay decision making any further. The Commission also called that, if new information would indicate negative effects on human health or the environment, the Commission would, as is the case for all active substances, reopen the file.

Vote: Favourable opinion qualified majority (65 votes against, 16 MS in favour).

7. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of glufosinate ammonium** (draft SANCO/10312/2006 rev.6, draft review report SANCO/10453/2006 rev. 6)

   The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10453/2006 rev. 6.

   Vote: Favourable opinion qualified majority (57 votes against, 17 MS in favour).

8. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of propamocarb** (draft SANCO/03284/2006 rev.1, draft review report SANCO/10057/2006 rev. 2)

   The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10057/2006 rev. 2.

   Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

9. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of dimethomorph** (draft SANCO/10563/2006 rev. 2; draft review report SANCO/10040/2006 rev. 3)

   The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10040/2006 rev. 3.

   Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

10. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of dimethoate** (draft SANCO/03130/2006 rev. 1, draft review report SANCO/10047/2006 rev. 1)

    The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10047/2006 rev. 1.

    Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (46 votes against, 19 MS in favour).

11. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of haloxyfop-R** (draft SANCO/03331/2006 rev.0, draft review report SANCO/10036/2006 rev. 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10036/2006 rev. 0.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (10 votes against, 22 MS in favour).

12. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of carbofuran** (draft SANCO/03441/2006 rev. 1, draft review report SANCO/10054/2006 rev. 1)

    The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10054/2006 rev. 1.

    Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

13. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of carbosulfan** (draft SANCO/03442/2006 rev. 1, draft review report SANCO/10055/2006 rev. 1)

    The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10055/2006 rev. 1.

    Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (12 votes against, 23 MS in favour).

14. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of metribuzin** (draft SANCO/03332/2006 rev. 1, draft review report SANCO/10051/2006 rev. 1)

    The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/10051/2006 rev. 1.

    Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (7 votes against, 23 MS in favour).

15. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision concerning the non inclusion of monocarbamide dihydrogensulphate and dimethipin in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the withdrawal of authorisation for plant protection products containing these substances** (draft SANCO/10417/2006 rev.2)

    Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

16. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision concerning the non inclusion of certain active substances in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the withdrawal of authorisation for plant protection products containing these substances** (draft SANCO/10350/2006 rev. 8)

    Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

17. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft proposal for a Regulation amending list of substances included in Annex I of Regulation 2229/2004** (draft SANCO/10547/2006 rev.3)

    Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

18. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft proposal laying down transitional measures with regard to the continued use of plant protection products containing certain active substances following the accession of Romania** (draft SANCO/10596/2006 rev.3)

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

19. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft proposal adapting Regulation 2076/2002 and Decisions 2002/245/EEC, 2002/928/EC and 2006/XXX/EC as regards the continued use of certain active substances not included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC following the accession of Bulgaria** (draft SANCO/10595/2006 rev.2)

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

20. **Notifications under Article 8(4) of the Directive**

.01 Sulfotep (FI)

The Committee took note of the document provided by Finland.

21. **Period of Grace-Stage 1**

The Commission referred to azinphos-methyl and vinclozolin for which Member States have to withdraw authorisations by 1 January 2007. For these substances, the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC concerning periods of grace apply.
However, in view of the consensus expressed by a large number of Member States, the period of grace should be as short as possible and restricted to a maximum of one season. The Commission suggested that periods of grace should expire by 31 December 2007.

22. **Any other Business**

.01 Rhodamine B

The Commission thanked MS for their good cooperation in providing information on plant protection products containing rhodamine B.

.02 Illegal use of pesticides

The Commission reminded that it is the Member States' responsibility to perform controls. The Commission invited Member States to make all efforts to control illegal uses of pesticides and to report back to the Commission on such controls.

.03 Metabolite formed in water after ozone treatment

The Commission informed the Member States that an authorisation holder was forwarding details to the Commission and Member States about the detection of

a new metabolite in an active substance. This metabolite could lead to the formation of nitrosamines in water after ozone treatment.

(signed)
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