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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND
ANIMAL HEALTH – PESTICIDES RESIDUES
9-10 DECEMBER 2010**

President: Michael Flüh, Head of Unit

Portugal, Poland, Malta and Lithuania were absent but represented.

Qualified majority: 255 votes and 14 Member States in favour.

Points for vote / note taking

1. Examination and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for certain pesticides in or on certain products. (SANCO/12200/2010 Rev. 2) (Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny of the European Parliament and Council - Legal Base: Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)

The Commission presented the proposal and its contents.

Several Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) applications, including import tolerance requests, were submitted under Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 for modifications of the existing MRLs in Annexes II and III as regards:

- fenhexamid for the use on onions;
- abamectin for the use on apricots and peaches;
- acetamiprid for the use on land cress and red mustard;
- cyprodinil for the use in fresh lentils;
- difenoconazole for the use on peppers and aubergines;
- dimethomorph for the use in garlic, onions, shallots, aubergines and globe artichokes;
- proquinazid for the use on strawberries;
- prothioconazole for the use on various root vegetables;
- pyraclostrobin for the use on tomatoes, aubergines, globe artichokes and celeriac;

- spirotetramat for the use in various crops outside the European Union (import tolerance);
- thiacloprid for the use on cotton seed and figs;
- thiamethoxam for the use in strawberries and beans (with pods);
- trifloxystrobin for the use on leafy brassica.

The European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) opinion concluded that the modifications to the MRLs requested by the applicants were acceptable with regard to consumer safety and that all requirements with respect to data were met.

Vote: Favourable opinion by unanimity.

2. Examination and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for Aldicarb, Bromopropylate, Chlorfenvinphos, Endosulfan, EPTC, Ethion, Fenthion, Fomesafen, Methabenzthiazuron, Methidathion, Simazine, Tetradifon and Triforine. (SANCO/5475/2009 Rev. 6) (Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny of the European Parliament and Council - Legal Base: Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)

The Commission presented the proposal and its contents.

These are substances no longer approved in the EU and for which MRLs can be lowered to the relevant level of analytical determination (LOD). This should not apply to Codex limits (CXLs) based on uses in third countries, provided that those CXLs are acceptable with regard to consumer safety. Nor should it apply in cases where MRLs have been specifically set as import tolerances.

Vote: Qualified Majority by 316 votes in favour, 29 votes abstained.

3. Examination and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benalaxyl, boscalid, buprofezin, carbofuran, carbosulfan, cypermethrin, fluopicolide, hexythiazox, indoxacarb, metaflumizone, methoxyfenozide, paraquat, prochloraz, spiroadiclofen, prothioconazole and zoxamide in or on certain products. (SANCO/12207/2010 Rev. 2) (Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny of the European Parliament and Council - Legal Base: Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)

The Commission presented the proposal and its contents.

For benalaxyl, boscalid, buprofezin, carbofuran, carbosulfan, cypermethrin, fluopicolide, hexythiazox, indoxacarb, metaflumizone, methoxyfenozide, paraquat, prochloraz, spirodiclofen, prothioconazole and zoxamide the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) adopted on 9 July 2010 CXLs. These CXLs should be included in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as MRLs, with the exception of those CXLs which are not safe for a European consumer group and for which the Union presented a reservation to the CAC based on a scientific report of EFSA.

In addition, for boscalid an application to modify the existing MRLs for several crops was submitted under Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

The EFSA opinion concluded that the modifications to those MRLs were acceptable with regard to consumer safety and that all requirements with respect to data were met.

Vote: *Qualified Majority by 338 votes in favour, 7 votes against.*

4. Examination and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for biphenyl, deltamethrin, ethofumesate, isopyrazam, propiconazole, pymetrozine, pyrimethanil and tebuconazole in or on certain products. (SANCO/12828/2010) Rev. 2 (Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny of the European Parliament and Council - Legal Base: Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)

The Commission presented the proposal and its contents.

Several MRLs applications, including import tolerance requests, were submitted under Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 for modifications of the existing MRLs in Annexes II and III as regards:

- pymetrozine for the use on spinach, purslane and beet leaves;
- deltamethrin for the use on potatoes;
- ethofumesate for the use in herbal infusions (leaves and flowers) and thyme;
- isopyrazam for the use on several cereals;
- propiconazole for the use on table and wine grapes, and apples;
- pyrimethanil for the use on peas with pods;
- tebuconazole for the use on various citrus fruit.

Furthermore, an application to modify the MRLs for biphenyl was submitted under Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 concerning herbs, tea, rose hips, spices and herbal infusions.

The EFSA opinion concluded that the modifications to the MRLs requested by the applicants were acceptable with regard to consumer safety and that all requirements with respect to data were met.

Vote: *Qualified Majority by 309 votes in favour, 29 votes abstaining and 7 votes against.*

- 5. Examination and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorantraniliprole in or on carrots. (SANCO/13123/2010 Rev. 1) (Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny of the European Parliament and Council - Legal Base: Article 18(4bis) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)**

The Commission presented the proposal and its contents.

The proposal concerns the setting of a temporary MRL for chlorantraniliprole (DPX E-2Y45) for the use on carrots. The proposal is based on a request submitted by France in accordance with Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. France also submitted an appropriate risk assessment concluding that such carrots do not constitute an unacceptable risk, in particular that the proposed increased residue level does not lead to a risk for consumers.

EFSA assessed the risk assessment submitted by France, examining in particular the risks to consumers and where relevant, to animals and concluded that the proposed MRL is acceptable with regard to consumer safety and that all requirements with respect to data were met.

Vote: Favourable opinion by unanimity.

- 6. Guidance document "Guidelines on comparability, extrapolation, group tolerances and data requirements for setting MRLs" (SANCO 7525/VI/95 Rev. 9). Point to be noted.**

Note taking postponed.

- 7. Agreement on the implementation of the new structure and format for the submission of the pesticide monitoring data (according to Art. 32.4 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005).**

The Committee took note of the guidance for the use of the EFSA Standard Sample Description (SSD) for the reporting of data on the control of pesticide residues in food and feed according to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.