



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Brussels, 03.07.2007
SANCO D1 – D(2007) 411483

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH – PESTICIDES RESIDUES

14-15 JUNE 2007

President: Patricia Brunko, Head of Unit

24 Member States were present. Malta was absent and not represented.

Cyprus was absent and represented by Greece.

Lithuania was absent and represented by Luxembourg.

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

N.B.: The measures on which the Committee has given its opinion were notified to the Community's trading partners in the WTO.

Points for vote / note taking

- 1. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of azinphos-methyl (SANCO 00761/2007 rev. 2)**

This is an existing substance of the review programme of Directive 91/414/EEC, where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new toxicological information.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 26 MS in favour, 1 MS absent and not represented).

- 2. Exchange of views and possible final opinion a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of dithiocarbamates (SANCO/10234/2006 rev. 6)**

These are existing substances (maneb, mancozeb, metiram, propineb, thiram, ziram), where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new or changed uses on specific crops or where Community MRLs need to be set for the first time.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 26 MS in favour, 1 MS absent and not represented).

3. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of azoxystrobin, chlorothalonil, deltamethrin, hexachlorobenzene, ioxynil, oxamyl and quinoxyfen (SANCO 00093/2007 rev. 6)

Azoxystrobin, chlorothalonil, ioxynil and quinoxifen are substances included in the Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and for which Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new or changed uses of these substances on specific crops.

As regards hexachlorobenzene, because of the possible occurrence of this pesticide in pumpkin seeds, a maximum residue level needs to be set to protect the consumers.

For oxamyl temporary MRLs set in Directive 2006/59/EC can be confirmed.

For deltamethrin it is appropriate to prolong the validity of the temporary MRLs set in Directive 2006/59/EC until November 2008.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 26 MS in favour, 1 MS absent and not represented).

4. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels for the existing active substances: rimsulfuron, pyrimethanil and of the new active substances: bifenazate, pethoxamide recently included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC (SANCO 10603/2007 rev. 2)

The document was not submitted to the Standing Committee for an opinion.

5. Exchange of views and agreement on SPS notification on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of acetamiprid, indoxacarb, pendimethalin, pymethroline, pyraclostrobin, thiacloprid and trifloxystrobin (SANCO 00950/2007 rev. 2)

These are new and existing substances of the review programme of Directive 91/414/EEC, where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new or changed uses of these substances on specific crops.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 26 MS in favour, 1 MS absent and not represented).

6. Exchange of views and agreement on SPS notification on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directive 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of imazalil (SANCO 10601/2006 rev. 1)

This is an existing substance of the review programme of Directive 91/414/EEC, where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new toxicological information.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 26 MS in favour, 1 MS absent and not represented).

7. Any other business

- Belgian proposal for trade disputes resulting from non harmonised MRLs

Belgium experienced several trade disputes in the last months, due to inconsistencies in the non-harmonised national MRLs. In order to avoid this kind of problems in the forthcoming fruit season, Belgium proposed the Member States to adopt a pragmatic approach, before finalisation of the MRL harmonisation process foreseen by Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

Belgium proposed the Member States to allow circulation of agricultural products within their territory that comply with the national MRL of the exporting Member State, as long as this national MRL was demonstrated to be safe on the basis of the discussions and conclusions of the expert meetings of 30, 31 May, 1 and 13 June 2007. The Commission pointed out that the decision has to be taken at Member State level.

All the Member States, except Germany and Austria, could agree with the Belgian proposal, on the condition that the list of proposed temporary MRLs is made public. Germany and Austria could not express their position during the meeting because their legislation would require longer consultations at national level.

Liste des participants à joindre au
compte rendu succinct

Comité Comité permanent – pesticides résidus Date: 15 Juin 2007

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	SPF Santé Publique	1
BG	National Plant Protection Service	1
CZ	SZU National Institute of Public Health	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Technical University of Denmark	1 1
D	BMVEL - Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
ES	Ministerio Sanidad y Consumo	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
IRL	Department of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero della Salute/Istituto Superiore di Sanità	1
CY	Ministry of Health/State General Laboratory	0
LV	Ministry of Agriculture, State Plant Protection Service	1
LT	Ministry of Health, National Nutrition Centre	0
LU	Ministère de la Santé	1
HU	Central Service for Plant Protection	1
MT		0
NL	Ministry of Health Plant Protection Service	1 1
AT	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)	1
PL	National Institute of Hygiene	1
RO		0
SI	Ministry of Agriculture – Phytosanitary administration of Slovenia	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture – Phytosanitary administration of Slovenia	1
SK	Public health authority	1
FIN	Ministry of Trade and Industry Finnish Food Safety Authority	1 1
SE	National Food Administration Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries	2
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	2
Autres	European Food Safety Authority Norwegian Food Safety Authority	2 1
COM	European Commission	4