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

**22-23 OCTOBER 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.*

*Luxembourg was absent and represented by Belgium.*

*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 Regulation amending **Regulation (EC) No 396/2005** of the European Parliament and of the Council to establish **Annex II, Annex III and Annex IV** (SANCO 1825/2007 rev 1)

These are the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 that need to be adopted as a condition for the full application of the Regulation. Annex II contains the already harmonised MRLs set under Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC.

In Annex III EU temporary MRLs are set to replace national MRLs for combinations pesticide/commodities not yet harmonised until now.

Annex IV contains pesticides already evaluated under Directive 91/414/EEC and for which it is not necessary to set MRLs.

*Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 25 MS in favour, 1 MS abstained, 1 MS absent and not represented).*

Ireland made the following declaration:

"Ireland is fully in favour of the rapid adoption of the Annexes II, III and IV of Regulation 396/2005 with a view to the Regulation becoming operational at the earliest date.

However we have serious concerns at this point over the failure to address the need to populate Annex IV of Regulation 396/2005 with a list of those pesticides for which there are no consumer safety concerns. Failure to address this issue will place the legislation in a scientifically untenable position as many of the candidate compounds

for Annex IV inclusion, such as fatty acids, amino acids, calcium carbonate, casein, ethanol, etc, are present in food or have food uses and will now be controlled by a default MRL value of 0.01 mg/kg applying to their presence in food. This is clearly not acceptable from a scientific point of view and a mechanism must be found to ensure that such inappropriate MRL values are not incorporated into the present legislation.

We are abstaining from the present vote in the absence of a clear proposal from the Commission in relation to how this issue will be resolved."

The United Kingdom made the following declaration:

"The UK supports the adoption of annexes II-IV of Regulation 396/2005/EC.

However, the UK notes that there are a number of currently approved substances such as plant extracts which are naturally occurring or commodity chemicals which may be included in Annex IV to 396/2005 once they have been reviewed under Directive 91/414/EEC.

The UK welcomes the Commission's intention to try to consider these candidates for inclusion in Annex IV before 396/2005 comes into operation.

However, if this is not possible, the UK would not view any residues of such substances found during the transition period until their review under 91/414/EEC as a matter of non-compliance."

2. Exchange of views and possible final opinion 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, atrazine, deltamethrin, imazalil, indoxacarb, pendimethalin, pymethroline, pyraclostrobin, thiacloprid and trifloxystrobin** (SANCO 00950/2007 rev. 3)

Community MRLs on specific crops need to be changed to take into account new or changed uses for acetamiprid, deltamethrin, indoxacarb, pendimethalin, pymethroline, pyraclostrobin, thiacloprid and trifloxystrobin.

As regards imazalil, a reduction of two MRLs was needed due to a consumer intake concern.

For atrazine, it is appropriate to extend the validity of the temporary MRLs set in Directive 2007/7/EC until June 2009.

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

3. 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: **carbendazim, cyfluthrin, famoxadone, glyphosate, methoxyfenozide, spiroxamin, tepraloxym, thiophanate-methyl** (SANCO 01782/2007/2007 rev. 2)

Carbendazim, cyfluthrin, famoxadone, glyphosate, methoxyfenozide, spiroxamin, and thiophanate-methyl 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 import tolerance requests and new uses of these substances on specific crops.

Tepraloxydim is a new active substance recently included into Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC for which Community MRLs need to be set for the first time.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

4. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Recommendation concerning a co-ordinated **Community monitoring programme for 2008** to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticide residues in and on cereals and certain other products of plant origin and national monitoring programmes for 2009 (SANCO/1613/2007 rev 2).

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

## 5. **Analytical quality control guidance**

The document describes method validation and analytical quality control requirements to support the validity of data used for checking compliance with maximum residue levels (MRLs), enforcement actions, or assessment of consumer exposure to pesticides.

The Standing Committee took note of the document.

6. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Regulation laying down the **detailed rules for the re-submission of a dossier for active substances not included in Annex I of Council Directive 91/414/EEC** (SANCO/758/2007 rev. 8)

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

## 7. **Any other business**

- Carbaryl in wine – Chilean request.

The Commission reported about two meetings with Chile, following a Rapid Alert Notification in June 2007 regarding residues of carbaryl in wine. Chilean authorities explained that they intend to discontinue the use of carbaryl, but that, due to legal use until now, carbaryl could still be found in wine produced between 2005 and 2007. Chile requested that trade may continue provided that there is no unacceptable risk to the European consumers.

The Commission informed the Member States that, according to the EFSA model, the highest permissible residue level for carbaryl in wine grapes would be 1,2 mg/kg. The same level could be applied to wine, pending the setting of EU harmonised processing factors.

The Chilean request was noted by the Member States. Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom explicitly evoked the possibility of trade problems.

Liste des participants à joindre au  
compte rendu succinct

Comité Comité permanent – pesticides résidus Date: 23 October 2007

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	SPF Santé Publique	2
	Agence fédérale pour la sécurité de la chaîne alimentaire (AFSCA)	1
BG	National Plant Protection Service	1
CZ	SZU National Institute of Public Health	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	1
	Technical University of Denmark	1
D	BMVEL - Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	4
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
ES	Ministerio Sanidad y Consumo	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	2
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	3
	AFSSA Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments	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	1
LU	Ministère de la Santé	0
HU	Central Service for Plant Protection	1
MT		0
NL	Ministry of Health	2
	Plant Protection Service	1
AT	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)	1
PL	National Institute of Hygiene	1
RO	Central Laboratory for Pesticide Residue Control	1
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	1
	Finnish Food Safety Authority	1
SE	National Food Administration	1
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	3
Autres	European Food Safety Authority	1
	Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1
COM	European Commission	6

