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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND
ANIMAL HEALTH – PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS –
PESTICIDES LEGISLATION
25-26 SEPTEMBER 2008**

President: P. Brunko

27 Member States were present.

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

1. Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of metazachlor (SANCO/139/2008 rev. 3) (DRR SANCO/140/2008 rev. 1)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/140/2008 rev. 1.

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

2. Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of imidacloprid (SANCO/107/2008 rev. 3) (DRR SANCO/108/2008 rev. 1)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/108/2008 rev. 1.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (8 votes against, 21 MS in favour).

3. Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of aclonifen (SANCO/160/2008 rev. 1) (DRR SANCO/161/2008 rev. 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/161/2008 rev. 1.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (7 votes against, 25 MS in favour).

4. Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of flurprimidol (SANCO/172/2008 rev 0)(DRR SANCO/173/2008 rev 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/173/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

5. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning non inclusion of certain active substances (voluntary withdrawals 4th stage)** (SANCO/2410/2008 rev. 0)

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

6. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of sulphuric acid** (SANCO/2691/2008 rev 0) (DRR SANCO/2692/2008 rev. 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/2692/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

7. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of nicotine** (SANCO/2685/2008 rev 0) (DRR SANCO/2686/2008 rev. 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/2686/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

8. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of antraquinone** (SANCO/2679/2008 rev 0) (DRR SANCO/2680/2008 rev. 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/2680/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

9. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of bone oil** (SANCO/2681/2008 rev 0) (DRR SANCO/2682/2008 rev 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/2682/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

10. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning the non-inclusion of carbon monoxide** (SANCO/2683/2008 rev. 0) (DRR SANCO/2684/2008 rev 0)

The Committee took note of the review report outlined in document SANCO/2684/2008 rev. 0.

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

11. **Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission proposal concerning correction of dates for implementation of inclusions voted in May and July 2008** (SANCO/2821/2008 rev. 1)

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (No votes against, 26 MS in favour, 29 votes of abstention).

12. Examination and possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision recognising in principle the completeness of the dossiers submitted for detailed examination in view of the possible inclusion of *Aureobasidium pullulans* and disodium phosphonate in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC (SANCO/2682/2008 rev. 0)

Vote: Unanimous favourable opinion.

13. Seed treatment for export

The Commission was recently notified that some Member States allow the use of active substances which are not included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC for seed treatment if the treated seed is exported outside the EU. This was the case e. g. for the active substance carbofuran, which must no longer be placed on the market in plant protection products in the EU.

The Commission clarifies that under Directive 91/414/EEC seed treatment is considered a use and if it is carried out in the EU, even for seeds intended for export, only active substances listed in Annex I to that Directive may be used. The Commission therefore reminds all Member States of their obligation to completely withdraw from the market all active substances not included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC within the timelines foreseen.

14. Notifications under Article 8(4) of the Directive

- .01 Thiametoxam + metalaxyl-M + fludioxinil (BG)*
- .02 Linuron (DE)*
- .03 Spodoptera exigua NPV (ES)*
- .04 Ethephon (ES)*
- .05 I-MCP (PT)*
- .06 Imidacloprid (PT)*
- .07 Lambda cyhalothrin (PT)*
- .08 Tebuconazole (PT)*
- .09 Boscalid + Pyraclostrobin (SE)*

The Commission reminded the Member States that from 1 September 2008 Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) N° 396/2005 applies. This means that either the Community maximum residue limit (MRL) has to be applied or a new MRL has to be set following an application of the MS in the Standing Committee. This is in particular relevant for active substances which are not included in Annex I. Therefore, all notifications under article 8(4) should be accompanied by a consumer risk assessment in order to fulfil the requirements of article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

The Committee took note of the documents submitted by Bulgaria, Sweden, Spain and Portugal.

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