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

12-13 FEBRUARY 2007

President: Patricia Brunko, Head of Unit

25 Member States were present. Slovakia and Malta were absent and not represented.

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

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

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: **azoxystrobin, chlorfenapyr, folpet, iprodione, lambda-cyhalothrin, maleic hydrazide, metalaxyl-M** and **trifloxystrobin** (SANCO/10602/2006 rev. 7)

These are 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.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 25 MS in favour, 2 MS absent and not represented).

2. 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: **MPCA, MPCB**, and the New Active Substances: **indoxacarb, tepraloxydim, ethoxazole, tolylfluanid, mesosulfuron, triticonazole** and **1-methylcyclopropene** (SANCO/10230/2006 rev 5)

These are existing substances that have recently been included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and for which Community MRLs need to be set for the first time.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (no votes against, 25 MS in favour, 2 MS absent and not represented).

- 3 Exchange of views and **agreement on SPS** notification on draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of **azinphos-methyl** (SANCO 00761//2006 rev. 0)

This is an existing substance of the review programme of Directive 91/414/EEC for which Member States had to withdraw authorisations because the transitional provisions set in article 8(2) to the same directive ceased to apply as from 1 January 2007. Moreover Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new toxicological information.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

4 Procedures for MRLs setting

The Commission presented three revised proposals of procedures for 1) MRLs setting under Reg. 396/2005; 2) MRLs setting under the so called “fast-track procedure; 3) the first establishment of temporary MRLs (Annex III Reg. 396/2005).

The three procedures were discussed, amended and agreed in their latest version with the Member States delegates.

5 Russian legislation on imported food

The Commission informed Member States about recent communication received by the Russian Federation expressing concerns on a number of deliveries of plant products for food purposes from EU countries to the Russian Federation, for which pesticide residues exceeded the maximum permissible levels in line with the Russian law.

Russian authorities would like Member State authorities to ensure that Russian Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) are respected when EU food business operators export to Russia.

The representatives of the Member States took the view that it is not their competence to certify compliance with the requirements of the importing country concerning pesticide residues in exports of plant products. Compliance with the Russian MRLs for pesticides residues in plant products exported to Russia is the responsibility of the exporters and any certification in this respect would be private.

6 Illegal trade

The Commission reminded the Member States of the problem of illegal trade of pesticides and their responsibility in terms of control of proper use and marketing of plant protection products.

Member States were also invited to keep the Commission updated of any relevant information on this issue.

Liste des participants à joindre au
compte rendu succinct

Comité Comité permanent – pesticides résidus Date: 13 Février 2007

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	SPF Santé Publique	1
BG	Food safety and sanitary veterinary authority	1
CZ	SZU National Institute of Public Health	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	2
D	BMVEL - Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
ES	Ministerio Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentacion Ministerio Sanidad y Consumo	1 1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	2
IRL	Department of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero della Salute/Istituto Superiore di Sanità	1
CY	Ministry of Health/State General Laboratory	2
LV	Ministry of Agriculture, State Plant Protection Service	1
LT	Ministry of Health, National Nutrition Centre	1
LU	Ministère de la Santé	1
HU	Central Service for Plant Protection	1
MT	Ministry for Rural Affairs & The Environment	0
NL	Ministry of Health Plant Protection Service	1 1
AT	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)	1
PL	Ministry of Health	1
PT	Min. Agricultura– Direcção-Geral de Protecção das Culturas	1
RO	Ministry of agriculture	1
SI	Ministry of Agriculture – Phytosanitary administration of Slovenia	1
SK	Public health authority	0
FIN	Ministry of Trade and Industry	2
SE	National Food Administration	2
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	2
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