

SHORT REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN
AND ANIMAL HEALTH
PESTICIDES RESIDUES HELD ON 12 MARCH 2003 (1/2003)

President : C. NOLAN, Head of Sector

1. Exchange of views and indicative opinion on draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards maximum residue levels for chlormequat, fenamiphos, lambda-cyhalothrin, kresoxim-methyl, azoxystrobin and mancozeb (Doc SANCO/10533/2002 rev 8, dated on 12/03/2003)

This draft directive sets MRLs for the above-named active substances. There are different reasons to change or revise their MRLs: environmental concern (chlormequat), consumer intake concern (fenamiphos) or just new or changes uses (lambda-cyhalothrin, kresoxim-methyl, azoxystrobin, and mancozeb).

The Danish delegation declared:

" Denmark appreciates the Commission efforts to accelerate the pesticide programme. However for professional as well as political reasons Denmark must refrain from voting on the proposal if the latest changes are upheld.

As the Commission is probably aware, the Danish delegation negotiates on a specific mandate given by the government and Parliament based on the proposals forwarded by the Commission in advance of the Committee meetings. Late changes in the proposals therefore pose a considerable problem to us and we therefore ask the Commission to postpone the vote on these changes until the next meeting. This would give us the time to obtain a new mandate and not least to examine the data and consequences properly.

A postponement would also secure conformity with the rules of procedure for this Committee, which in Denmark's view is of common interest to us all.

The Commission declared that because of concerns for some substances, it preferred not to delay taking measure.

Favourable opinion by Qualified Majority: 84 votes in favour

10 working days were given for linguistic revision.

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

2. Exchange of views and indicative opinion on draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 76/895, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and

90/642/EEC as regards maximum residue levels for new and existing active substances excluded from Annex I (SANCO/10022/2003 rev 4, dated on 12/03/2003)

This draft directive sets all MRLs at the limit of determination for the existing active substances: acephate, metalaxyl and parathion-methyl. These substances have not been included in Annex I to Directive 91/414.

Favourable opinion by unanimity: 87 votes in favour

10 working days were given for linguistic revision.

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

Alejandro CHECCHI LANG

1.1.1.1. Liste des participants à joindre au compte rendu succinct

Comité Comité permanent – pesticides résidues Date : 12 March 2003

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	Ministry of Health/Agriculture	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	2
D	Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft/Bundesministerium f. Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
EL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
ES	Ministerio Agricultura/Pesca y Alimentacion/Sanidad y Consumo	3
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture	1
IRL	Ministry of Agriculture and Food	1
IT	Ministero della Salute	1
L	Ministère de l'agriculture	1
NL	Plant Protection Service	1
	Ministerie van VWS	1
	Productschap Tuinbouw	1
AU	Austrian Agency for Food Safety and Health	1
PT	Ministerio da Agricultura	0
FIN	Ministry of Trade and Industry	2
SV	National Food Administration	1
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	3
COM	European Commission	4