

**SHORT REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN
AND ANIMAL HEALTH
PESTICIDES RESIDUES HELD ON 19 JUNE 2003 (3/2003)**

President : C. NOLAN, Head of Sector

The Commission welcomed the Acceding countries and informed them about their active observer status. The rules of the committee were distributed as well as the list of Member States delegates.

1. Exchange of views and indicative opinion on draft Commission Directive amending the Annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the fixing of maximum levels for certain pesticide residues in and on cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables. (SANCO/10018/2003 rev 4)

This draft Directive sets maximum residues levels for the new active substances: imazamox, oxasulfuron, ethoxysulfuron, foramsulfuron, oxadiargyl and cyazofamid ; and for the existing active substances : 2,4-DB, linuron, pendimethalin, cyfluthrin, beta cyfluthrin and iprodione, both recently included in Annex I to Directive 91/414.

Favourable opinion by Qualified Majority: 84 votes in favour
7 working days were given for linguistic revision.

The Danish made a statement on this draft proposal:

"Denmark appreciates the Commissions effort to accelerate the pesticide programme. However for professional as well as political reasons Denmark must abstain from voting on the proposal. The document is incomplete. Moreover the last revision of the proposal was updated only 6 days (13th June) in advance of this meeting forfeit any possibility for the Danish delegation to process the proposal in accordance with our political and administrative procedures. The Commission has on several occasions been informed on these procedures.

Denmark therefore ask the Commission to postpone the vote until the proposal is complete and has been forwarded to the delegations in due time. This would give us the time to obtain a mandate and not least to examine the data and consequences properly.

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

Should the Commission decide to carry out this vote Denmark must ask to have our remarks noted in the minutes of this meeting."

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

Liste des participants à joindre au compte rendu succinct
 Comité permanent – pesticides résidues Date : 19 juin 2003

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	SPF Santé Publique Agence fédérale sécurité chaîne alimentaire	2
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	3
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 la Santé	1
NL	Ministerie van VWS	1
	Productschap Tuinbouw	1
	College Toelating Bestrijdingsmiddelen	1
AU	Inst. Für PSM – Bewertung	1
PT	Ministerio da Agricultura e Pescas	1
FIN	Ministry of Trade and Industry Plant Protection Inspection Centre	2
SV	Ministry of Agriculture Food & Fisheries National Food Administration	3
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	2
Autres	Permanent Mission of Slovenia/State Phytosanitary Administration of Czech-Rep	2
COM	European Commission	4