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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND
ANIMAL HEALTH – PESTICIDES RESIDUES
26-27 MARCH 2007**

President: Patricia Brunko, Head of Unit

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

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.

1. Exchange of views and possible final opinion on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directive 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of: **diazinon** (SANCO/03631/2006 rev. 2).

This is an existing substance of the review programme of Directive 91/414/EEC, where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new toxicological information.

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

2. Exchange of views and **agreement on SPS** notification on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of **dithiocarbamates** (SANCO/10234/2006 rev. 4)

These are existing substances (maneb, mancozeb, metiram, propineb, thiram, ziram), where Community MRLs need to be changed to take into account new or changed uses on specific crops or where Community MRLs need to be set for the first time.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (25 MS in favour, 2 MS absent and not represented).

3. Exchange of views and **agreement on SPS** notification on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directive 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue

levels of: **azoxystrobin, ioxynil, quinoxyfen, chlorothalonil** and **HCB** (SANCO 00093/2007 rev. 3)

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.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (24 MS in favour, 2 MS absent and not represented, 1 MS abstained).

4. Exchange of views and **agreement on SPS** notification on a draft Commission Directive amending Council Directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards the maximum residue levels of as regards the maximum residue levels of the existing active substances: **rimsulfuron, pyrimethanil** and of the new active substances: **bifenazate, pethoxamide** recently included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC (SANCO 10603/2007 rev. 2)

These are new and 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.

The measure will be notified to WTO.

Vote: Favourable opinion by qualified majority (25 MS in favour, 2 MS absent and not represented).

5. **New comitology regulatory procedure with scrutiny**

The Commission presented the new regulatory comitology procedure with scrutiny introduced by Article 5 a) in Council Decision 1999/468/EC. The new procedure allows the European Parliament to improve its rights to scrutinise the implementation of legislative acts adopted under the codecision procedure.

In the proposal to align Regulation 396/2005 to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny the Commission has invoked the need to curtail the time-limits for scrutiny for the MRLs setting on grounds of efficiency and to apply in case of a particular risk to human or animal health the urgency procedure.

6. **Russian legislation on imported food**

COM informed MS about the latest developments of the Russian requirements for EU exports to Russia, including the official reply sent to Russia. COM investigated which MRLs are in place in Russia. There are MRLs for 57 pesticides in few commodities, mainly products grown or produced in Russia. Rice is included in the list. In general, these MRLs are different from Codex MRLs.

There has been an inspection mission of Russia to Poland. The draft report is available and COM and Poland are preparing a reply to it.

7. **State of play with regard to Annex III to regulation 396/2005**

The EFSA presented the reasoned opinion on the potential chronic and acute risk to consumers' health arising from proposed temporary EU MRLs.

The Member States congratulated EFSA for the work carried out and in particular for evaluation model developed.

Some Member States stressed that the EFSA assessment took very conservative assumptions. They were concerned for the work to be done by the Rapporteur Member States in view of the refinement of the risk assessment. The EFSA results have to be seen as a first screening that needs to be further refined.

It was also proposed that the EFSA should be involved in the refinement process.

COM informed the Member States that the non included substances will be discussed at the expert meeting convened on 28-29 March. Another meeting will be organised before the next Standing Committee to refine the risk assessment for the pending substances.

Liste des participants à joindre au
compte rendu succinct

Comité Comité permanent – pesticides résidus Date: 27 March 2007

Etat Membre	Ministère ou Organisme	Nombre de personnes
BE	SPF Santé Publique	1
BG	National Plant Protection Service	1
CZ	SZU National Institute of Public Health	1
DK	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration Technical University of Denmark	1 1
D	BMVEL - Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	1
EE	Ministry of Agriculture	1
EL	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	1
ES	Ministerio Sanidad y Consumo	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	0
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		0
NL	Ministry of Health Plant Protection Service	1 1
AT	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)	1
PL	National Institute of Hygiene	1
RO		0
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 Finnish Food Safety Authority	1 1
SE	National Food Administration Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries	2
UK	Pesticides Safety Directorate	2
Autres	European Food Safety Authority Norwegian Food Safety Authority	1 1
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