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Response of the Competent Authorities of Latvia to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2012-6294-MR of an audit carried out from 10 to 14 September 2012 in order to evaluate controls of pesticides

N°.	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	Ensure that a National Action Plan is prepared and submitted to the European Commission before 14 December 2012 in line with Article 4 of Directive 2009/128/EC.	National Action Plan will be sent to Commission and Member States by beginning of February 2013.
2	Ensure that the safety rules for storage foresee sufficient ventilation with a separate storage for herbicides as described in the Manual for Pesticide Storage and Stock Control of FAO (FAO/V8966E).	<p><u>Current requirements for the storage of PPPs at the warehouse:</u> According to Article 9 of Plant Protection Law PPPs should be stored in the original packaging and in the conditions indicated on labelling thereof and, in addition, separately from other products and substances that may affect the properties of the relevant PPPs. All PPPs are stored in warehouses in original packaging, thus minimizing the risk of cross-contamination between products.</p> <p><u>Current requirements for the storage of PPPs at the user:</u> According to Cabinet Regulation No. 950 Regulations Regarding the Use of Plant Protection Products, at the user PPPs shall be stored in original packaging, complying with the storage conditions specified on the labelling, as well as with the requirements of Section 9, Paragraph three of the Plant Protection Law (<i>persons who have acquired PPPs shall be liable for the storage thereof in lockable places, inaccessible to children and animals, separate from food products and fodder</i>).</p> <p>PPPs registered as Class One shall be stored in a locked, ventilated room separately from other PPPs.</p>

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		We consider that the safety rules for storage of PPPs are well regulated by current legislation.
3	Ensure that professional users shall conduct regular calibrations and technical checks of the pesticide application equipment as required by Article 8(5) of Directive 2009/128/EC.	Procedures for preparing pesticide application equipment for work, including regular calibrations and technical checks of the pesticide application equipment, are included into training program for professional users, operators and advisors. These training programs anticipate Cabinet Regulation on training of professional users, operators, distributors of PPPs and advisors on plant protection.
4	Ensure that auxiliary staff of professional users and distributors of PPPs have access to appropriate training by bodies designated by the CAs as required by Article 5(1) of Directive 2009/128/EC.	Directive 2009/128/EC required that all professional users, distributors and advisors have access to appropriate training. Cabinet Regulation on <u>training of professional users, operators, distributors of PPPs and advisors on plant protection</u> establish such system. For auxiliary staff of professional users and distributors no specific training is foreseen neither by Directive nor by the Cabinet Regulation. Labour safety instruction by employer for these persons are required before the work with PPPs.
5	Ensure that new standard solutions are compared against old standard solutions as required by Article 23 of the DG (SANCO) Guideline on Method Validation and Quality Control Procedures (SANCO 12945/2011).	The Institute "BIOR" will implement the testing of new standard solutions against old standard solutions in accordance with document SANCO 12495/2011 and the results of these checks will be documented.
6	Ensure effective co-operation between authorities fighting against fraud and counterfeit PPPs as required by Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	It is planned to conclude during year 2013 trilateral agreement between Customs Administration, Food Veterinary Service and State Plant Protection Service on cooperation and information exchange concerning

Action Plan received from the Competent Authority, 27 December 2012

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		import and transit of PPP.