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**Response of the Competent Authorities of Cyprus to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6635-MR of an audit carried out from 05 to 12 March 2013 in order to evaluate controls of pesticides**

N°.	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	Ensure strengthening the quality control of pesticides in order to provide guarantees that PPPs placed on the market meet the requirements laid down in Article 29(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.	The CA will ensure strengthening the quality control of pesticides from 2014 onwards with the implementation of an annual plan of control that analyses a sample of 5% of the products on the market.
2	Ensure that only authorised PPPs are used as required by Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. In this regard, the CA should, for example, notwithstanding other existing control measures, extend the scope of formulation analysis and undertake all the necessary actions in order to avoid illegal pesticides entering the Republic of Cyprus.	To ensure that only authorised PPPs are used as required by Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, the CA will increase the number of official controls on the use of PPPs from 2014 onwards and strengthen co-operation with the Police and the Customs in order to avoid illegal pesticides entering the Republic of Cyprus. The LC/MS/MS will be used in targeted samples to detect unexpected active substances and impurities.
3	Ensure strengthening official controls on the use of PPPs, in particular, increasing the number of inspections at growers, so as to provide sufficient guarantees that PPPs are applied in accordance with the conditions specified on the labels as required by Article 55 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.	The CA will ensure strengthening official controls on the use of PPPs from 2014 onwards. Information kept by the District Offices of the DA and the Paying Agency with regards to the number of growers, the crops and the area cultivated, will be evaluated in order to increase the number of official controls by at least 50%.
4	Ensure broadening the analytical scope of the pesticide residue laboratory at the DoA in order to ensure that the full range of PPPs authorised for use in Cyprus are covered as well as relevant illegal pesticides, i.e those that have been withdrawn recently or which were widely used in the past, in order to guarantee effectiveness of controls on the use of PPPs as provided for in Article 4(2)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	The implementation of the LC/MS/MS system for the determination of pesticide residues has already broadened the analytical scope of the pesticide residue laboratory at the DA and shall continue in this way, in order to ensure that, until the end of 2014, the full range of PPPs authorised for use in Cyprus are covered as well as illegal pesticides.

Competent Authority response to the report recommendations, receive 1/7/2013

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5	Ensure that in the case of irregularities identified measures to be undertaken by the operator are described in the inspection report as required by Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	Instructions are already given to inspectors in order to describe in their reports the identified measures to be undertaken by the operator, in case of irregularities.
6	Ensure that annual reports on the scope and the results of official controls on the marketing and use are transmitted to the Commission within the deadline fixed as laid down in Article 68 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.	Annual reports on the scope and the results of official controls on the marketing and use will be timely transmitted to the Commission from 2013 onwards.
7	Ensure that efficient and effective co-ordination takes place between all relevant CAs as required by Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and, in particular, with the Paying Agency in order to take account of and exchange information on results of official controls performed at growers by both CAs.	The DA and the Paying Agency have already agreed to exchange information on controls and infringements concerning PPP legislation. The CAs will set the procedures in order to ensure an efficient and effective co-ordination from 2013 onwards.