







# Introduction on Pesticide Risk Assessment

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#### Orientation & distance













# Workshop PRRP Residues Program overview

Monday: introduction on residue evaluation

Tuesday: food basket, risk assessment & practical exercises

Wednesday: Evaluating bodies, MRLs, GAPs, applicability for Ethiopia

Thursday: other dossier requirements, AOB, summary, next steps











# Plant Protection Products Legal Aspects

PPP = Formulations which protect plants or products of crop origin like:

Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, compounds influencing metabolism of plants, growth regulators (e.g. plant hormones) and protection of supplies











# Plant Protection Products Legal Aspects

#### **Prerequisites**

- No direct or indirect harmful effects on human or animal health via drinking water, food, feed or any other way
- no direct or indirect harmful effects on environment
- No unnecessary repeats of tests on vertebrates (EU: human volunteer testing not allowed at all)











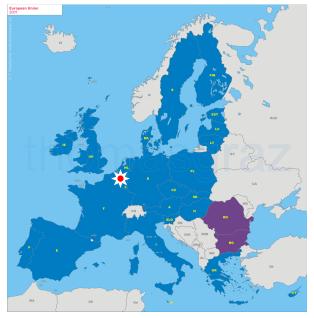
### Pesticide composition

- One or more active substances
  - full evaluation of all aspects within pesticide regulations
- other formulants
  - evaluation within other regulations like 'REACH' (usually)
- Complete formulation
  - limited toxicological evaluation (operator and ecotoxicology risk assessment)
- Residues: in general only active substances are evaluated and other formulants are expected to be less toxic
- Residue: active substance and/or one or more of its metabolites





- Communautory legislation, prepared by
  - \*European commission and controlled by European parliament
- National legislation: prepared by the national administration and controlled by national parliaments





















#### Pesticide, EU risk assessment

#### Active substance(s)

Evaluation by EU (EFSA and MS) for inclusion in a positive list

- RMS writes Draft Assessment Report (DAR)
- MSs comment on DAR of RMS
- MSs participate in (expert) meetings
- Advise government on national position in Standing committee

#### National authorisations

Evaluation of active substance and plant protection product, detailed risk assessment for specific national applications.









### Risk assessment aspects

#### **Aspects**

- Efficacy
- Human toxicology: Residues and operator exposure
- Ecotoxicology
- Fate en behaviour in environment
- Physical-chemical properties and analytical methods











## Plant protection products Risk assessment

Risk Assessment in basic is a simple method, based on two values:

- Health-based acceptable exposure level (reference doses)
- calculated exposure from diet and residue level

Exposure ≤ Acceptable Exposure Level











# Essential knowledge

- Toxicological profile (Marloes Busschers, April 2012) for setting Reference values
- Population(s) exposed
- Exposure scenario
  - Duration
  - Level of exposure











### Acceptable exposure levels

Can have several definitions

For Risk assessment of pesticides the following Acceptable Exposure levels are important:

ADI: Acceptable Daily Intake (by daily consumption, whole lifetime)

ARfD: Acute Reference Dose (accidental high consumption)

(AOEL: Acceptable operator exposure level)











## Exposure assessment

Tiered approach:

#### Basis

- dietary intake data (food basket)
- residue levels in crop

Refinement by use of processing data:

- Food basket: whole apple or juice, whole orange or peeling, etc
- residue level: MRL, mean level, etc.











## Exposure assessment

How to define 'consumers'?

- Mean population?
- Children and adults?
- Different tribes with different culinary habits?

#### Example

United Kingdom: 13 diets

Netherlands: 2 diets

WHO: 1 diet per region











## Important Ethiopian food crops

- Maize/teff?
- Oilseeds?
- Potato?
- Peas?
- **–** ....?











#### Which model to select?

- Existing WHO models on food basket?
- Own Ethiopian diets requiring research, data or based on general knowledge











### Open points to discuss this week

- Where to find reference values
- How to define a diet
- How to define sub populations
- How to set or find MRLs
- How to perform a risk assessment
- Ethiopia and export of fruits and vegetables

