THEMATIC STRATEGY ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES

Objectives and content

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Overall objective  
(Decision 1600/2002/EC)

- Achieve a more sustainable use of pesticides by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment in a way that is consistent with the necessary crop protection

- « Pesticides »= Plant protection products first, then address risks from biocides use asap
The Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of Pesticides

- Regulation revising Directive 91/414/EEC
  COM(2008) 93 final

- Framework Directive on the sustainable use of Pesticides
  COM(2006) 373 final

- Regulation concerning statistics on plant protection products
  COM(2006) 778 final

- Revision of Directive 2006/42/EC on Machinery
  COM(2008) 535 final
Measures proposed in the FwD
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- Member States establish National Action Plans (NAP) to reduce hazards, risks and dependence on pesticides
- Access to training for professional users, distributors, advisors / Awareness raising for the general public
- Regular inspection of application equipment in professional use
- Prohibition of aerial spraying with derogation possibility
Measures proposed in the FwD 2/2

- Protection of the aquatic environment (buffer zones, low-drift equipment, reduction of use where risks of run-off)
- Prohibition or restriction of pesticide use in sensitive areas (used by general public / protected areas)
- Promotion of low pesticide-input farming and IPM mandatory as from 2014
- Calculation of risk indicators to monitor progress
Measures proposed in the Statistics Regulation

- Collection by Member States of data on placing on the market (annually) and use (with five-year intervals) for substances contained in Plant Protection Products
- Data used for calculation of risk indicators at national level by Member States
- Aggregated data used for calculation of risk indicators at Community level by Commission
Scope of the Statistics Regulation

- Limited to Plant protection products
- Focusing on agricultural uses
- Representative national data

- No biocides
- No Biological Plant Protection Products
  - No methodology available
  - Need to identify the scope (products, market, uses)
A specific approach for BPPS

- Public call for tenders 23.05.2007 for supply of statistical services in the field of environment statistics: biological plant protection
- Budget: €150,000
A specific approach for BPPS

Objectives:
- Establish a list of products and methods;
- Identify the actors in the sector (producers, distributors, and users);
- Gather detailed information on the volumes marketed in terms of both quantities and economic values;
- Develop a consolidated methodology that could be used regularly by the Commission to follow the evolution of the sector.
A specific approach for BPPS

- Contract with Van Dijk Management Consultants
- Started 24.10.2007 for 12+4 months
- Covered by strict confidentiality rules

- A unique opportunity for the Commission to assess the contribution of BPPS to more sustainable crop protection and monitor trends
- A unique opportunity for BPPS industry to increase its visibility and get an overview of its market share.
All the documents of the Thematic Strategy are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ppps/home.htm

Thank you for your attention!