



Developments in EU legislation on plant protection products



Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting

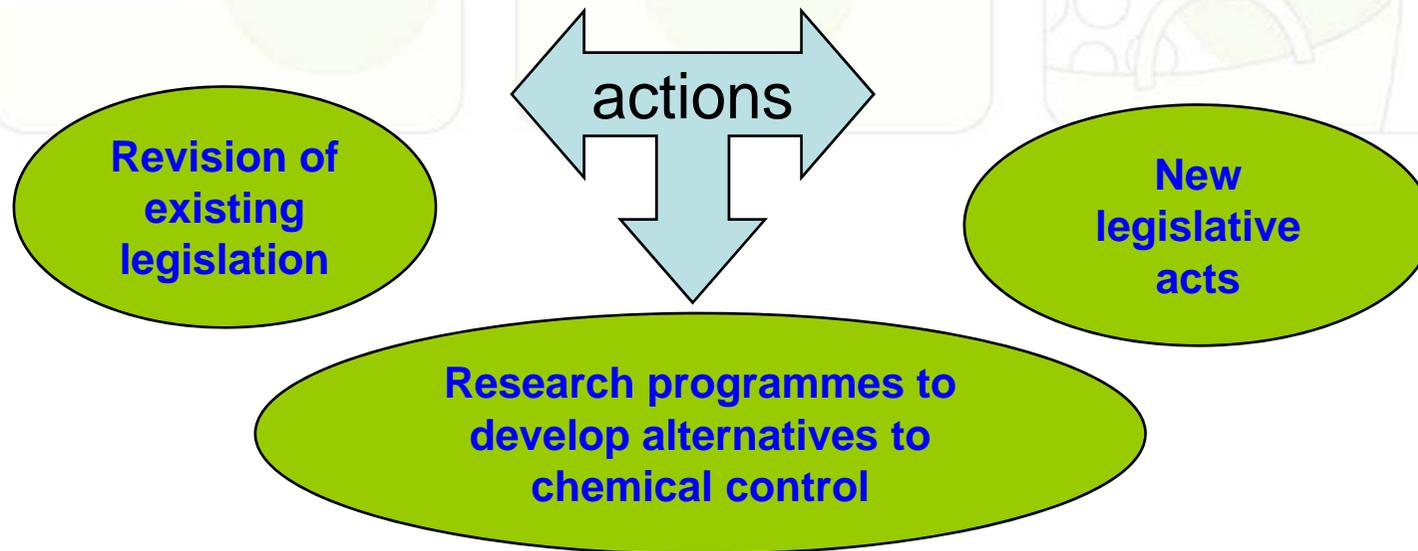
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Objectives from the Thematic Strategy on sustainable use of pesticides

- Minimise the risks to health and environment
- Improve controls on the use and distribution of pesticides
- Reduce the level of harmful active substances including substitution principle
- Encourage low input or pesticide-free cultivation
- Establish a system to monitor progress on such objectives

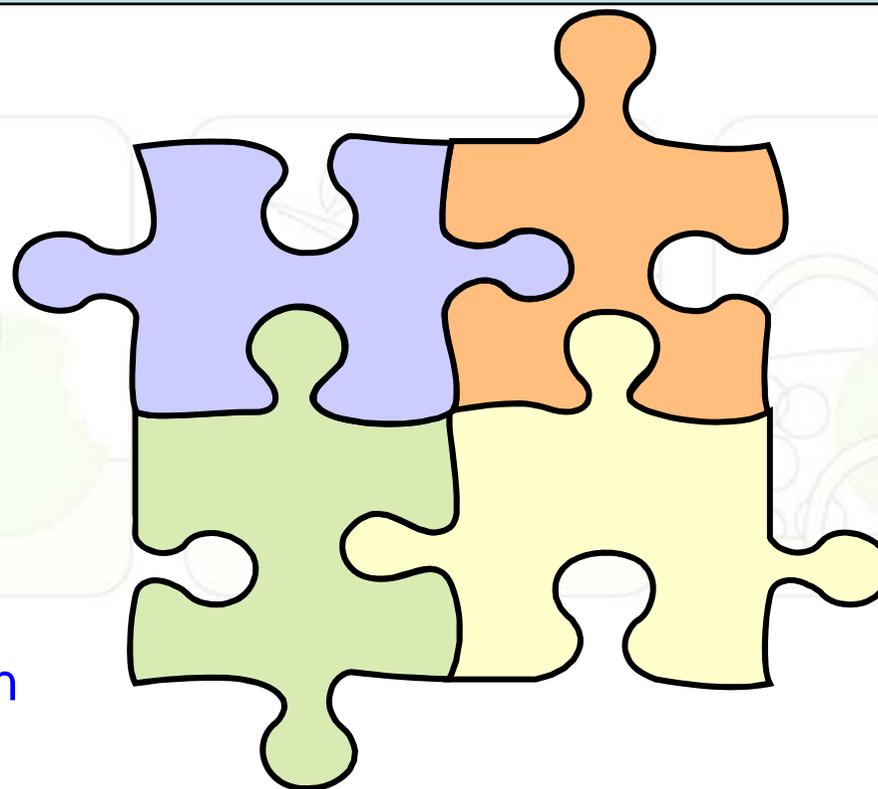




Update on EU legislative framework

Revision of
Directive
91/414/EEC:
Regulation (EC)
1107/2009
adopted

New Regulation
1185/2009 (EC) on
statistics of ppp
adopted



New Directive
on sustainable
use
2009/128/EC
adopted

Revision of
Directive
2006/42/EC on
machinery
Directive
2009/127/EC
adopted



Main new measures from Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 on plant protection products

- Criteria for approval of substances - identification of unacceptable risks for human health and environment
- Substitution principle and comparative assessment
- Extension of scope to safeners, synergists, co-formulants and adjuvants
- IPM obligation and Low risk substances
- Zonal system and mutual recognition

Specific measures affecting biocontrol

- Criteria for low risk substances
- Approval 15 years
- Definition of low risk plant protection product
- Guidances on content of application for microorganisms, pheromones and biological products
- Shorter deadline for MS to decide (120 days)
- Data protection 13 years for low risk products



Main new measures from Directive 2009/128/EC on sustainable use

- National Action Plans (NAPs) target measures to reduce risks and promote development of IPM and alternative techniques to reduce dependency on pesticides
- Access to training for professional users, distributors, advisors
- Sufficient knowledge required to buy products authorised for professional use and for distribution of products
- Regular inspection of application equipment in professional use
- Promotion of low pesticide input pest management and IPM obligation
- Calculation of risk indicators to monitor progress



Main new measures from Regulation (EC) 1185/2009 on statistics of PPP

- Collection by Member States of data on placing on the market (annually) and use (with five-year intervals) for substances contained in PPP
- 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



Main measures from the Revision of the Machinery Directive

- Machinery for pesticide application should be placed on the market only if it does not endanger the health or safety of persons or the environment
- Requirements for environmental protection incorporated in amended Directive 2006/42/EC on Machinery



Status implementing phase of ppp regulation (1)

- Data requirements Annex II and Annex III transfer and new revision
- Uniform principles transfer and new revision
- Labelling requirements
- Report to EU parliament and Council on the establishment of a fund on minor uses by December 2011
- Specific scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties by 14 December 2013
- Zonal system workshops on EU and zonal level ongoing



Status implementing phase of ppp regulation (2)

- List of candidates for substitution included in annex I by 14 December 2013
- Work programme for review of synergists and safeners by December 2014
- Review clause report on the functioning of zonal system and approval criteria by December 2014
- Renewal programme
- Control regulation



Status implementing phase of sustainable use directive

- DGSANCO transfer of responsibility
- Commission to set harmonised Risk indicators
- Commission to develop a guidance on surveying impacts of pesticides use on human health and environment by 26 November 2012
- MS to transpose by 26 November 2011
- MS establish NAPs by 26 November 2012
- Commission shall report to EU Parliament and Council on NAPs by 26 November 2014



CONCLUSIONS

- Legislation has ambitious objectives
- Therefore, the Commission aims to integrate the efforts of all the parties involved in a transparent cooperative way

THANK YOU for your attention!

For more information our website :

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/evaluation/index_en.htm