



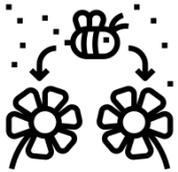
Data requirements for natural substances:  
putting in place a tiered approach

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# ▶ Striking the balance

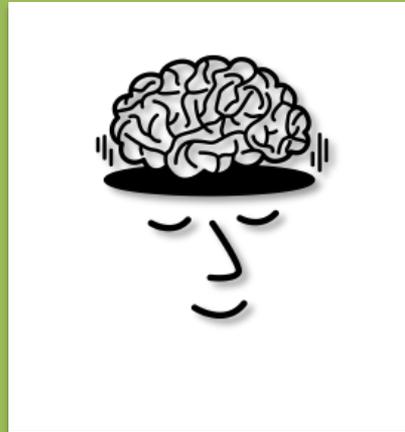


other regulatory frameworks

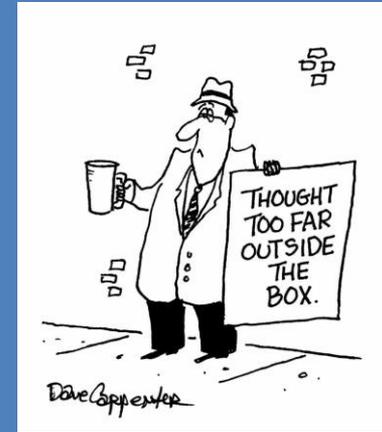


other study designs

'thinking out of the box'



'thinking too far out of the box'





# Data requirements for genotoxicity

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A core *in vitro* genotoxicity battery comprising the Ames test plus the *in vitro* micronucleus test is sufficient to detect rodent carcinogens and *in vivo* genotoxins

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*In vitro* genotoxicity testing—Can the performance be enhanced?

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3x *in vitro*

point mutations in bacteria (AMES)

chromosome aberrations (numerical and structural) in mammalian cells (*in vitro* MN)

~~point mutations (+sometimes structural chromosome aberrations) in mammalian cells (MLA)~~

min. 1x *in vivo*

~~point mutations (TGR, *in vivo* Comet)~~

~~chromosome aberrations (*in vivo* MN)~~

**Recital 40** of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009:  
“Animal testing for the purposes of this Regulation should be minimised and tests on vertebrates should be undertaken as a last resort.”

*In vivo* test requires demonstration of **target tissue exposure** => how to do this for a natural substance containing many components?

**non-testing approaches:**

- toxicological threshold of concern (TTC) approach
- (Q)SAR and read-across

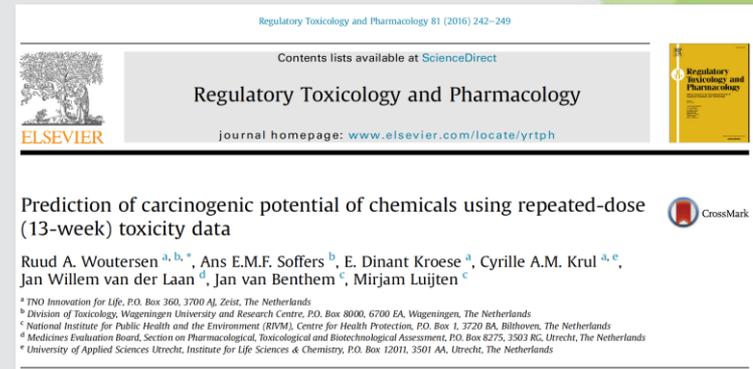


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“chemicals showing no histopathological risk factors for neoplasia in a sub-chronic study in rats may be considered non-carcinogenic and do not require further testing in a carcinogenicity study”



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tiered approach, prioritization based on e.g.:

- available information on the components
- presence of components cited in the EFSA compendium

component	% w/w	classification
A	83%	<b>Acute Tox 4; Skin Corr 1A</b> (notified)
B	9%	<b>Eye Dam 1; Aquatic Chronic 2</b> (notified)
C	6%	Flam Liq 3; <b>Acute Tox 3; STOT RE1;</b> Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 3 (harmonised)
D	0.4%	<b>Skin Sens 1A;</b> Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1
Unknown E	0.2%	?
F	0.06%	Skin Sens 1B
G	0.02%	Flam Liq 2; <b>Skin Sens 1A</b>

28d study (OECD 407)

90d study (OECD 408,409)



Concern for developmental/reproductive toxicity?

- OECD 421: repr/dev tox screening
- OECD 422: 28d study + repr/dev tox screening
- <-> PNDT/EOGRTS

Herbs and Pregnancy: Risks, Caution & Recommendations

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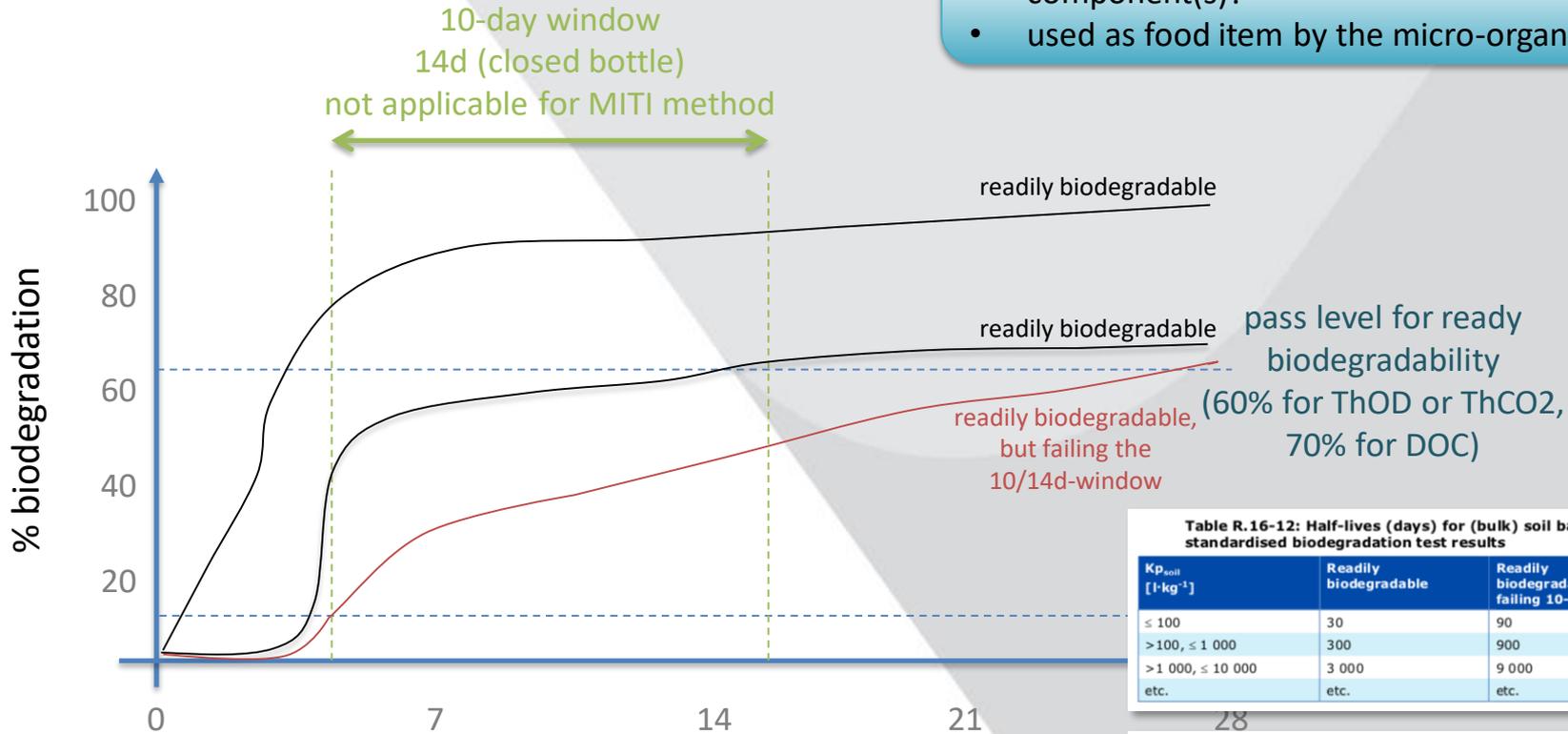


# ▶ Data requirements for environmental fate

Ready biodegradability test (OECD 301/310)

Careful with interpretation !

- if not readily biodegradable: which component(s)?
- used as food item by the micro-organisms?



**Table R.16-12: Half-lives (days) for (bulk) soil based on results from standardised biodegradation test results**

Kp <sub>soil</sub> [l·kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	Readily biodegradable	Readily biodegradable, failing 10-d window	Inherently biodegradable
≤ 100	30	90	300
>100, ≤ 1 000	300	900	3 000
> 1 000, ≤ 10 000	3 000	9 000	30 000
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

**Table R.16-11: First order rate constants and half-lives for biodegradation in surface water based on results of screening tests on biodegradability<sup>3)</sup>**

Test result	Rate constant k (d <sup>-1</sup> )	Half-life (d)
Readily biodegradable	4.7·10 <sup>-2</sup>	15
Readily, but failing 10-d window <sup>b)</sup>	1.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>	50
Inherently biodegradable <sup>c)</sup>	4.7·10 <sup>-3</sup>	150
Not biodegradable	0	∞ <sup>4)</sup>



▶ Thank you for your attention

