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**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON TIERED RISK ASSESSMENT FOR PLANT PROTECTION
PRODUCTS FOR AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN EDGE-OF-FIELD SURFACE WATERS
IN THE CONTEXT OF REGULATION (EC) No 1107/2009**

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Introduction

The current document has been published by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) as a revision of the Guidance Document on Aquatic Ecotoxicology under Council Directive 91/414/EEC (SANCO/3268/2001 rev.4 (final), 17 October 2002).

This document has been developed by the Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR Panel).

The revision of the former Guidance Document on Aquatic Ecotoxicology became necessary mainly due to (1) the entry into force of the Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, (2) the revision of the related data requirements (Regulations (EU) No 283/2013 and No 284/2013) and (3) scientific developments.

The current guidance document is intended to be used for approval of active substances at EU level as well as for authorisation of plant protection products at Member State level.

This document is intended to be used as guidance for the risk assessment for plant protection products for aquatic organisms in edge-of-field surface waters. It is not a requirement which has to be followed nor does it provide mandatory guidance.

Implementation schedule

This document has been finalised in the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health on 11 July 2014. It will apply to applications submitted from 1 January 2015 onwards.

Complete Guidance Document

[EFSA Guidance Document on tiered risk assessment for plant protection products for aquatic organisms in edge-of-field surface waters.](#)