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Low risk active substances in plant protection

state of play

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Low Risk active substances main provisions in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

- > Approval of low risk active substances up to 15 years
- ➤ Definition of low risk plant protection product: all actives low risk no need of risk mitigation measures
- Member States to decide in 120 days
- > Data protection up to 13 years
- ➤ Allowed to be mentioned in advertising

Annex II

Low risk criteria





Basic substances main provisions in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

- > not a substance of concern;
- > not inherent capacity to cause endocrine disrupting, neurotoxic or immunotoxic effects;
- > not predominantly used for plant protection purposes but useful in plant protection directly or in a product consisting of the substance and a simple diluent and
- > not placed on the market as Plant Protection Product.
- ☐ Food in accordance with definition of Reg.178/2002

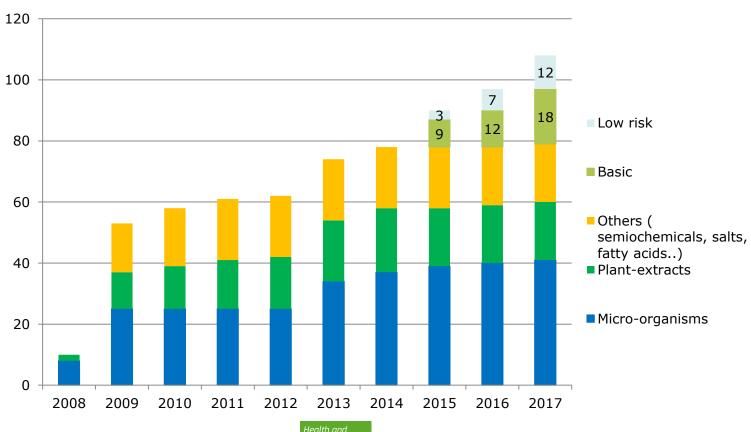


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• Approved where any relevant evaluation carried out under other Community legislation shows that the substance has no harmful effect on human or animal health nor an unacceptable effect on the environment.



Naturally occurring, low risk and basic substances already approved

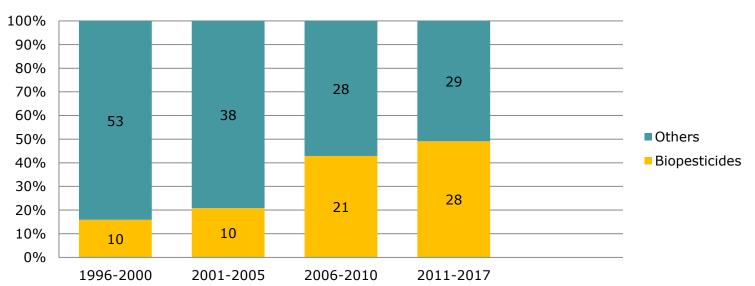


Food Safety



More and more new applications "biopesticides"

Application for new active substances since 1996





Sustainable plant protection working group in 2016-2017

• Objectives: identify actions on increasing low-risk plant protection product availability and accelerating integrated pest management implementation

Focus on:

- expedite approval and authorisation procedures (within limits of Regulation 1107/2009)
- identify measures to support stakeholders to apply for low-risk approval and authorisation
- clarify regulatory requirements
- cooperate and share experience between MS
- input for **REFIT** of 1107/2009 to increase regulatory incentives for low-risk products





Implementation plan

- Endorsed by AGRIFISH Council in June 2016 under NL Presidency Plan available @ <u>Council website</u>
- Identified 40 actions to increase low risk product availability and accelerate the implementation of Integrated Pest Management in Member States
- Actions for COM, MS, EFSA, stakeholders
- Four lines of action:
 - Low-risk substances and products
 - Integrated Pest Management
 - Research
 - Input for REFIT pesticide legislation
- Progress report January 2018: 22 MS + Norway responded to questionnaire, stakeholders interviewed





Progress report: which main actions for low risk products? (1)

Member States

- Zonal system delays (30% addressed)
- Expedite low risk potentials (30% addressed)
- Refrain from additional national requirements (30% addressed)
- Efficacy EPPO guidance for low risk ppps (published 2017)
- Reduced fees or Pre-submission meetings free (80%)
- Dedicated experts for assessment (35%)
- Assistance for basic substances applications (40%)





Progress report: which main actions for low risk products? (2)

Applicants:

- > Submit high quality and complete dossiers
- Consider the use of the so-called "risk-envelope approach"
- ➤ Make use of pre-submission meetings provided by Member States

Stakeholder's views on progress by applicants:

- Industry associations advise new members about preparing dossiers for applications (e.g. training sessions)
- Communication on risk envelope and importance of good dialogue between authority and applicant.





Progress report: which main actions for low risk products? (3) COM:

- Prioritisation of potential low risk active substances under the renewal process AIR4 through Commission Implementing Decision issued in September 2016 (2016/C 357/05)
- **Progress in developing procedural and technical Guidance** to facilitate assessment process
- 2017 focused workshop with MS to discuss /identify low risk options for REFIT
- Low risk criteria adoption of COM Reg.2017/1432
- COM work on a **non binding list identifying** potential low risk active substances which were approved prior of full applicability of Regulation (EC)No 1107/2009



Progress report: which main actions for IPM?(1)

Member States:

Results from COM SUD reports

- Focused applied research on IPM 22 out of 28 MS invest in IPM research projects, 7 for more than 1 mio euro. In 8 MS cofinanced by private parties.
- Demonstration farms 12 MS have demofarms networks, 9 are considering setting up demofarms or expand scope to include IPM.
- Share info on implementation of IPM within MS: 23 have IPM guidelines, various other methods reported.
- Ensure qualified advisory bodies on IPM all MS have advisory services. 3 MS: from competent authority; 8 MS: private sector; 17: combination.



Progress report: which main actions for IPM?(2)

COM:

- On 10 October COM published two reports on state of play of implementation of the Sustainable Use Directive
- COM webportal linking to IPM info available
- Develop BTSF course on IPM implementation 12 courses on application equipment in 2017-2020; IPM course from 2018 onwards, 14 courses planned
- Move forward on harmonised risk indicators proposal under discussion
- Develop methodology for assessment of IPM

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New Commission reports focus on how EU countries should use pesticides more sustainably Released: 10-10-2017 Under: News

Report finds good monitoring systems of antimicrobial resistance in animals and food

Two reports on authorisation and control of pesticides identify need for improvements

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Sustainable Use of Pesticides	2017-6291	EU	Report details	
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Progress report: which main actions for research?

COM:

- Continue considering IPM as important area for EU funding of research: most recent Horizon 2020 calls 27 mio allocated to:
 - Integrated health approaches and alternatives to pesticide use
 - New and emerging risks to plant health
 - Stepping up integrated pest management

Member States:

 Identify and translate needs of farmers into research; promote applications for Horizon 2020 projects: 11 MS actively promoted Horizon 2020 applications.





Other ongoing actions ...

- Development of technical guidance for the assessment of substances :
 - <u>Biopesticides working group</u>: Guidance document on secondary metabolites produced by microorganisms in preparation, discussion on multiple antimicrobial resistance
 - Working document on basic substances a new revision in preparation to reflect experience gained in these last years
- COM recommendation on the <u>non binding list</u> identifying potential low risk active substances which were approved prior of full applicability of Regulation (EC)No 1107/2009
- Specific focus to address low risk and basic substance issues within the ongoing **REFIT evaluation**





Conclusions and way forward

- Concrete actions were taken by COM, EFSA and MS and others are in progress
- All stakeholders involved to continue working on key areas identified
- COM continue to work together with MS and EFSA in WG's (Biopesticides, Low risk, Basic substances) and AIR4 assessments
- Follow up on implementation of SUD and coordination with other relevant policies
- REFIT outcomes ...





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