



Information note on Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards processing factors and composite food and feed

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Background (1)

- Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin
 - Article 20 gives the COM empowerment to establish Annex VI for specific concentration or dilution factors for certain processing and/or mixing operations or for certain processed and/or composite products
 - Annex VI has not yet been established
 - The Regulation does not give any more detail on how compliance with processed or composite products should be established

Background (2)

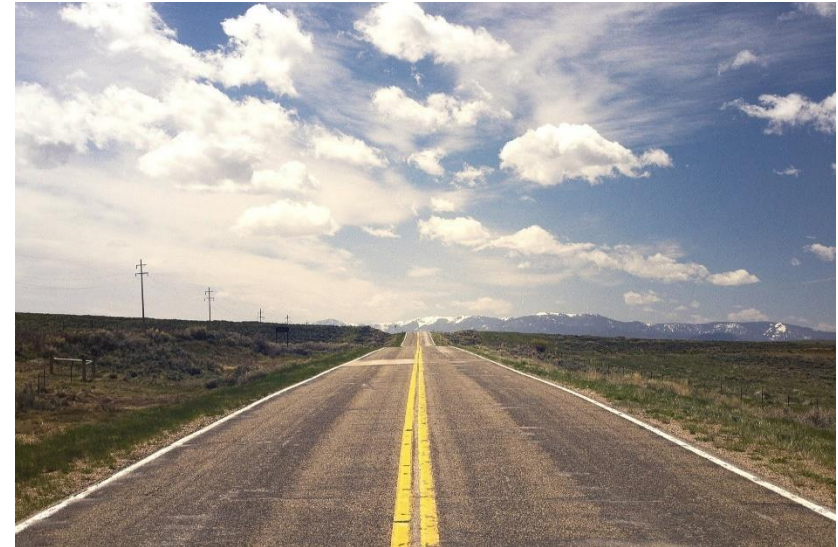
- Outcome of REFIT of plant protection products (PPP) and maximum residue levels (MRL) Regulations
 - General provisions for processed products, including processing factors would benefit from clarification
 - Deadline before **the end of 2021**

Objectives

- The intention is to provide guidance to Member States (including Official Control Laboratories) on how to implement Article 20 provisions in a harmonised way
- To give predictability for FBOs
 - To have the necessary information at hand, if national authorities request further documentation during their official controls
- Not to lay down details on how a FBO should organise its own checks
- Not to establish EU harmonised processing factors
- Not to set specific MRLs for all processed products

Possible time plan

1. In June, stakeholder consultation
2. PAFF meeting in June, further discussion
3. Final comments and finalisation
4. PAFF meeting in September or November, note taking



Thank you



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