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Action Plan on Cumulative Risk Assessment for pesticide residues[1]

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[1] Does not necessarily represent the views of the Commission.

Introduction

The Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council[2] on the REFIT evaluation[3] of the EU legislation on plant protection products[4] and pesticides residues[5] concluded that the development of a methodology for cumulative risk assessment covering simultaneous exposure to multiple chemicals turned out to be much more complex than initially expected and that faster progress was needed. To this end, the Commission committed to developing an Action Plan, jointly with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), that would set out priorities for the ongoing work on method development and for its subsequent implementation by the end of 2020.

EFSA and DG SANTE have jointly developed such an Action Plan. DG SANTE consulted other related Commission services in December 2020 whose comments were taken into account.

The Action Plan has been presented, discussed and adopted at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (Sections Phytopharmaceuticals, Pesticide Residues) on 22-23 February 2021.

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[2] REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL Evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 on the placing of plant protection products on the market and of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides, COM/2020/208 final

[3] https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/refit_en

[4] Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC, OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1–50

[5] Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC, OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1–16