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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas plant production has a very important place in the Community;

Whereas plant production yields are continually affected by harmful organisms including weeds; whereas it is absolutely essential to protect plants against these risks to prevent a decline in yields and to help to ensure security of supplies;

Whereas one of the most important ways of protecting plants and plant products and of improving agricultural production is to use plant protection products;

Whereas these plant protection products can have non-beneficial effects upon plant production; whereas their use may involve risks and hazards for humans, animals and the environment, especially if placed on the market without having been officially tested and authorized and if incorrectly used;

Whereas, in view of the hazards, there are rules in most Member States governing the authorization of plant health products; whereas these rules present differences which constitute barriers not only to trade in plant protection products but also to trade in plant products, and thereby directly affect the establishment and operation of the internal market;

Whereas it is therefore desirable to eliminate such barriers by harmonizing the provisions laid down in the Member States;

Whereas uniform rules on the conditions and procedures for the authorization of plant protection products must be applied by the Member States;

Whereas such rules should provide that plant protection products should not be put on the market or used unless they have been officially authorized and should be used properly having regard to the principles of good plant protection practice and of integrated pest control;

Whereas the provisions governing authorization must ensure a high standard of protection, which, in particular, must prevent the authorization of plant protection products whose risks to health, groundwater and the environment and human and animal health should take priority over the objective of improving plant production;

Whereas it is necessary, at the time when plant protection products are authorized, to make sure that, when properly applied for the purpose intended, they are sufficiently effective and have no unacceptable effect on plants or plant products, no unacceptable influence on the environment in general and, in particular, no harmful effect on human or animal health or on groundwater;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 89, 10. 4. 1989, p. 22.⁽²⁾ OJ No C 72, 18. 3. 1991, p. 33.⁽³⁾ OJ No C 56, 7. 3. 1990, p. 3.

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Whereas authorization should be limited to plant protection products containing certain active substances specified at Community level on the basis of their toxicological and ecotoxicological properties;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to establish a Community list of authorized active substances;

Whereas a Community procedure must be laid down for assessing whether an active substance can be entered on the Community list; whereas the information that interested parties must submit with a view to admission of a substance to the list should be specified;

Whereas the Community procedure should not prevent Member States from authorizing for use in their territory for a limited period plant protection products containing an active substance not yet entered on the Community list, provided that the interested party has submitted a dossier meeting Community requirements and the Member State has concluded that the active substance and the plant protection products can be expected to satisfy the Community conditions set in regard to them;

Whereas, in the interests of safety, substances on the Community list should be reviewed periodically, to take account of developments in science and technology and of impact studies based on the actual use of plant protection products containing the said substances;

Whereas it is in the interests of free movement of plant products as well as of plant protection products that authorization granted by one Member State, and tests carried out with a view to authorization, should be recognized by other Member States, unless certain agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions relevant to the use of the products concerned are not comparable in the regions concerned; whereas to this end there is a need to harmonize the methods of experimentation and control applied by the Member States for the purpose of granting authorization;

Whereas it is therefore desirable that a system for the mutual supply of information should be established and that Member States should make available to each other on request the particulars and scientific documentation submitted in connection with applications for authorization of plant protection products;

Whereas, however, Member States must be enabled to authorize plant protection products not complying with the abovementioned conditions when it is necessary to do so because of an unforeseeable danger threatening plant production which cannot be countered by other means; whereas such authorization should be reviewed by the Community in close cooperation with the Member States in the framework of the Standing Committee on Plant Health;

Whereas this Directive complements Community provisions on the classification, packaging and labelling of pesticides; whereas together with these provisions it considerably improves the protection of users of plant protection products and consumers of plants and plant products; whereas it also contributes to the protection of the environment;

Whereas it is necessary to maintain consistency between this Directive and Community rules on the residues of plant protection products in agricultural products and the free movement of the latter in the Community; whereas this Directive complements Community provisions relating to maximum permissible levels for pesticide residues and will facilitate the adoption of such levels in the Commission; whereas together with the latter provisions it considerably improves the protection of consumers of plants and plant products;

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Whereas resources devoted to the conduct of tests on vertebrate animals should not be dissipated as a result of the differences in the laws of the Member States and whereas considerations of public interest and Council Directive 86/609/EEC of 24 November 1986 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes⁽¹⁾ militate against needless repetition of tests on animals;

Whereas, in order to ensure that the requirements laid down are satisfied, Member States must make provision for appropriate control and inspection arrangements with regard to the marketing and use of plant protection products;

Whereas the procedures provided for by this Directive for the evaluation of the risks to the environment presented by plant protection products containing or composed of genetically modified organisms correspond in principle to those laid down in Directive 90/220/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms⁽²⁾; whereas in future however the supply of data in accordance with Part B of Annexes II and III is likely to be subject to specific requirements, provision should be made to amend this Directive accordingly;

Whereas the implementation of this Directive and the adaptation of its Annexes to advances in technical and scientific knowledge necessitate close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States, and whereas the procedure of the Standing Committee on Plant Health offers a suitable basis for this cooperation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Scope

Article 1

1. This Directive concerns the authorization, placing on the market, use and control within the Community of plant protection products in commercial form and the placing on the market and control within the Community of active substances intended for a use specified in Article 2 (1).
2. This Directive shall apply without prejudice to Council Directive 78/631/EEC of 26 June 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (pesticides)⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 84/291/EEC⁽⁴⁾ and, where active substances are concerned, without prejudice to the provisions concerning classification, packaging and labelling of Council Directive 67/548/EEC of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Directive 90/517/EEC⁽⁶⁾.
3. This Directive applies to the authorization to place on the market plant protection products containing or composed of genetically modified organisms, provided that authorization to release them into the environment has been granted after the risk to the environment has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of Parts A, B and D and the relevant provisions of Part C of Directive 90/220/EEC.

The Commission shall submit to the Council, in sufficient time for the latter to be able to act not later than two years after the date of notification of this Directive, a proposal for an amendment with a view to

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 358, 18. 12. 1986, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 117, 8. 5. 1990, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 206, 29. 7. 1978, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 144, 30. 5. 1984, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 287, 19. 10. 1990, p. 37.

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including in this Directive⁽¹⁾ a specific procedure for evaluating the risk to the environment analogous to that provided for the Directive 90/220/EEC, and enabling this Directive to be placed on the list provided for in Article 10 (3) of Directive 90/220/EEC in accordance with the procedure laid down in the said Article 10.

Within five years of the date of notification of this Directive, the Commission, on the basis of experience gained, shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with a report on the operation of the arrangements described in the first and second subparagraphs.

4. This Directive shall apply without prejudice to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1734/88 of 16 June 1988 concerning export from and import into the Community of certain dangerous chemicals⁽²⁾.

Definitions

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

1. *'plant protection products'*
active substances and preparations containing one or more active substances, put up in the form in which they are supplied to the user, intended to:
 - 1.1. protect plants or plant products against all harmful organisms or prevent the action of such organisms, in so far as such substances or preparations are not otherwise defined below;
 - 1.2. influence the life processes of plants, other than as a nutrient, (e.g. growth regulators);
 - 1.3. preserve plant products, in so far as such substances or products are not subject to special Council of Commission provisions on preservatives;
 - 1.4. destroy undesired plants; or
 - 1.5. destroy parts of plants, check or prevent undesired growth of plants;
2. *'residues of plant protection products'*
one or more substances present in or on plants or products of plant origin, edible animal products or elsewhere in the environment and resulting from the use of a plant protection product, including their metabolites and products resulting from their degradation or reaction;
3. *'substances'*
chemical elements and their compounds, as they occur naturally or by manufacture, including any impurity inevitable resulting from the manufacturing process;
4. *'active substances'*
substances or micro-organisms including viruses, having general or specific action:
 - 4.1. against harmful organisms; or
 - 4.2. on plants, parts of plants or plant products;
5. *'preparations'*
mixtures or solutions composed of two or more substances of which at least one is an active substance, intended for use as plant protection products;
6. *'plants'*
live plants and live parts of plants, including fresh fruit and seeds;
7. *'plant products'*

⁽¹⁾ This Directive was notified to the Member States on 26 July 1991.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 155, 22. 6. 1988, p. 2.

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- products in the unprocessed state or having undergone only simple preparation such as milling, drying or pressing, derived from plants, but excluding plants themselves as defined in point 6;
8. *'harmful organisms'*
pests of plants or plant products belonging to the animal or plant kingdom, and also viruses, bacteria and mycoplasmas and other pathogens;
 9. *'animals'*
animals belonging to species normally fed and kept or consumed by man;
 10. *'placing on the market'*
any supply, whether in return for payment or free of charge, other than for storage followed by consignment from the territory of the Community or disposal. Importation of a plant protection product into the territory of the Community shall be deemed to constitute placing on the market for the purposes of this Directive;
 11. *'authorization of a plant protection product'*
administrative act by which the competent authority of a Member State authorizes, following an application submitted by an applicant, the placing on the market of a plant protection product in its territory or in a part thereof;
 12. *'environment'*
water, air, land, wild species of fauna and flora, and any interrelationship between them, as well as any relationship with living organisms;
 13. *'integrated control'*
the rational application of a combination of biological, biotechnological, chemical, cultural or plant-breeding measures whereby the use of chemical plant protection products is limited to the strict minimum necessary to maintain the pest population at levels below those causing economically unacceptable damage or loss.

General provisions*Article 3*

1. Member States shall prescribe that plant protection products may not be placed on the market and used in their territory unless they have authorized the product in accordance with this Directive, except where the intended use is covered by Article 22.
2. Member States shall not, on the grounds that a plant protection product is not authorized for use in their territory, impede the production, storage or movement of such products intended for use in another Member State, provided that:
 - the product is authorized in another Member State, and
 - the inspection requirements laid down by the Member States in order to ensure compliance with paragraph 1 are satisfied.
3. Member States shall prescribe that plant protection products must be used properly. Proper use shall include compliance with the conditions established in accordance with Article 4 and specified on the labelling, and the application of the principles of good plant protection practice as well as, whenever possible, the principles of integrated control.
4. Member States shall prescribe that active substances may not be placed on the market unless:
 - they are classified, packaged and labelled in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC, and
 - where the active substance was not on the market two years after notification of this Directive, a dossier has been forwarded to the Member States and to the Commission, in accordance with Article 6, with the declaration that the active substance is intended for a

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use specified in Article 2 (1). This condition shall not apply to active substances intended for a use under Article 22.

Granting, review and withdrawal of authorizations of plant protection products

Article 4

1. Member States shall ensure that a plant protection product is not authorized unless:

(a) its active substances are listed in Annex I and any conditions laid down therein are fulfilled,

and, with regard to the following points (b), (c), (d) and (e), pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI, unless:

(b) it is established, in the light of current scientific and technical knowledge and shown from appraisal of the dossier provided for in Annex III, that when used in accordance with Article 3 (3), and having regard to all normal conditions under which it may be used, and to the consequences of its use:

(i) it is sufficiently effective;

(ii) it has no unacceptable effect on plants or plant products;

(iii) it does not cause unnecessary suffering and pain to vertebrates to be controlled;

(iv) it has no harmful effect on human or animal health, directly or indirectly (e.g. through drinking water, food or feed) or on groundwater;

(v) it has no unacceptable influence on the environment, having particular regard to the following considerations:

— its fate and distribution in the environment, particularly contamination of water including drinking water and groundwater,

— its impact on non-target species;

(c) the nature and quantity of its active substances and, where appropriate, any toxicologically or ecotoxicologically significant impurities and co-formulants can be determined by appropriate methods, harmonized according to the procedure provided in Article 21, or, if not, agreed by the authorities responsible for the authorization;

(d) its residues, resulting from authorized uses, and which are of toxicological or environmental significance, can be determined by appropriate methods in general use;

(e) its physical and chemical properties have been determined and deemed acceptable for the purposes of the appropriate use and storage of the product;

(f) maximum residue levels in the agricultural products referred to in the authorization have been provisionally established by the Member State and notified to the Commission in accordance with Article 12; within three months of the said notification, the Commission shall consider whether the provisional maximum levels established by the Member State are acceptable, and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 it shall establish provisional maximum levels throughout the Community and these shall remain in force until the corresponding maximum levels are adopted pursuant to the procedure provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of Directive 90/462/EEC ⁽¹⁾ and in Article 11 of Directive 86/362/EEC ⁽²⁾, as amended by Directive 88/298/EEC ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 350, 14. 12. 1990, p. 71.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 221, 7. 8. 1986, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 126, 20. 5. 1988, p. 53.

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In particular:

- (i) Member States may not prohibit or impede the introduction into their territory of products containing pesticide residues provided the residue level does not exceed the provisional maximum levels set in accordance with the first subparagraph;
- (ii) Member States must ensure that the conditions for approval are applied in such a way that the provisional maximum levels are not exceeded.

2. The authorization must stipulate the requirements relating to the placing on the market and use of the product or at least those aimed at ensuring compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1 (b).

3. Member States shall ensure that compliance with the requirements set out in paragraph 1 (b) to (f) is established by official or officially recognized tests and analyses carried out under agricultural, plant health and environmental conditions relevant to use of the plant protection product in question and representative of these prevailing where the product is intended to be used, within the territory of the Member State concerned.

4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 5 and 6, authorizations shall be granted for a fixed period of up to 10 years only, determined by the Member States; they may be renewed after verification that the conditions imposed in paragraph 1 are still satisfied. Renewal may be granted for the period necessary to the competent authorities of the Member States, for such verification, where an application for renewal has been made.

5. Authorizations may be reviewed at any time if there are indications that any of the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 are no longer satisfied. In such instances the Member States may require the applicant for authorization or party to whom an extension of the field of application was granted in accordance with Article 9 to submit further information necessary for the review. The authorization may, where necessary, be extended for the period necessary to complete a review and provide such further information.

6. Without prejudice to Decisions already taken pursuant to Article 10, an authorization shall be cancelled if it is established that:

- (a) the requirements for obtaining the authorization are not or are no longer satisfied;
- (b) false or misleading particulars were supplied concerning the facts on the basis of which the authorization was granted;

or modified if it is established that:

- (c) on the basis of developments in scientific and technical knowledge the manner of use and amounts used can be modified.

It may also be cancelled or modified at the request of the holder of the authorization, who shall state the reasons therefor; amendments can be granted only if it is established that the requirements of Article 4 (1) continue to be satisfied.

Where a Member State withdraws an authorization, it shall immediately inform the holder of the authorization; moreover, it may grant a period of grace for the disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks, of a length in accordance with the reason for the withdrawal, without prejudice to any period provided for by decision taken under Council Directive 79/117/EEC of 21 December 1978 prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 90/533/EEC⁽²⁾, or Article 6 (1) or Article 8 (1) or (2) of this Directive.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 33, 8. 2. 1979, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 296, 27. 10. 1990, p. 63.

▼B**Inclusion of active substances in Annex I***Article 5*

1. In the light of current scientific and technical knowledge, an active substance shall be included in Annex I for an initial period not exceeding 10 years, if it may be expected that plant protection products containing the active substance will fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) their residues, consequent on application consistent with good plant protection practice, do not have any harmful effects on human or animal health or on groundwater or any unacceptable influence on the environment, and the said residues, in so far as they are of toxicological or environmental significance, can be measured by methods in general use;
- (b) their use, consequent on application consistent with good plant protection practice, does not have any harmful effects on human or animal health or any unacceptable influence on the environment as provided for in Article 4 (1) (b) (iv) and (v).

2. For inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, the following shall be taken into particular account:

- (a) where relevant, an acceptable daily intake (ADI) for man;
- (b) an acceptable operator exposure level if necessary;
- (c) where relevant, an estimate of its fate and distribution in the environment as well as its impact on non-target species.

3. For the first inclusion of an active substance which was not yet on the market two years after notification of this Directive, the requirements shall be deemed to be satisfied where this has been established for at least one preparation containing the said active substance.

4. Inclusion of an active substance in Annex I may be subject to requirements such as:

- the minimum degree of purity of the active substance,
- the nature and maximum content of certain impurities,
- restrictions arising from evaluation of the information referred to in Article 6, taking account of the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in question,
- type of preparation,
- manner of use.

5. On request, the inclusion of a substance in Annex I may be renewed once or more for periods not exceeding 10 years; such inclusion may be reviewed at any time if there are indications that the criteria referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 are no longer satisfied. Renewal shall be granted for the period necessary to complete a review, where an application has been made for such renewal in sufficient time, and in any case not less than two years before the entry is due to lapse, and shall be granted for the period necessary to provide information requested in accordance with Article 6 (4).

Article 6

1. Inclusion of an active substance in Annex I shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

The following shall also be decided in accordance with that procedure:

- any conditions for inclusion,
- amendments to Annex I, where necessary,
- removal of an active substance from Annex I if it no longer satisfies the requirements of Article 5 (1) and (2).

2. A Member State receiving an application for the inclusion of an active substance in Annex I shall without undue delay ensure that a dossier which is believed to satisfy the requirements of Annex II is forwarded by the applicant to the other Member States and to the Commission together with a dossier complying with Annex III on at

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least one preparation containing that active substance. The Commission shall refer the dossier to the Standing Committee on Plant Health referred to in Article 19 for examination.

3. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 4, at the request of a Member State, and within three to six months after the date of referral to the committee mentioned in Article 19, it shall be established by the procedure laid down in Article 20 whether the dossier has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Annexes II and III.

4. If the assessment of the dossier referred to in paragraph 2 shows that further information is necessary, the Commission may ask the applicant to submit such information. The applicant or his authorized representative may be asked by the Commission to submit his remarks to it, in particular whenever an unfavourable decision is envisaged.

These provisions shall also apply if, after inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, facts emerge that cast doubt on its conformity with the requirements indicated in Article 5 (1) and (2), or if renewal in accordance with Article 5 (5) is being considered.

5. The procedure concerning the submission and appraisal of applications for inclusion in Annex I and setting or varying any conditions for inclusion shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21.

Information on potentially harmful effects

Article 7

Member States shall prescribe that the holder of an authorization or those to whom an extension of the field of application has been granted in accordance with Article 9 (1) must immediately notify the competent authority of all new information on the potentially dangerous effects of any plant protection product, or of residues of an active substance on human or animal health or on groundwater, or their potentially dangerous effects on the environment. Member States shall ensure that the parties concerned immediately notify this information to the other Member States and to the Commission, which shall refer the information to the committee referred to in Article 19.

Transitional measures and derogations

Article 8

1. By way of derogation from Article 4, a Member State may, to enable a gradual assessment to be made of the properties of new active substances and to make it easier for new preparations to be made available for use in agriculture, authorize, for a provisional period not exceeding three years, the placing on the market of plant protection products containing an active substance not listed in Annex I and not yet available on the market two years after notification of this Directive, provided that:

- (a) following application of Article 6 (2) and (3) it is found that the dossier on the active substance satisfies the requirements of Annexes II and III in relation to the projected uses;
- (b) the Member State establishes that the active substance can satisfy the requirements of Article 5 (1) and that the plant protection product may be expected to satisfy the requirements of Article 4 (1) (b) to (f).

In such cases the Member State shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission of its assessment of the dossier and of the terms of the authorization, giving at least the information provided for in Article 12 (1).

Following the evaluation of the dossier as provided for in Article 6 (3), it may be decided, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, that the active substance does not satisfy the requirements

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specified in Article 5 (1). In such cases the Member States shall ensure that the authorizations must be withdrawn.

By way of derogation from Article 6, if, on expiry of the three-year period, a decision has not been taken concerning the inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, a further period may be ordered by the procedure referred to in Article 19 to enable a full examination to be made of the dossier and, where appropriate, of any additional information requested in accordance with Article 6 (3) and (4).

The provisions of Article 4 (2), (3), (5) and (6) shall apply to authorizations granted under the terms of this paragraph without prejudice to the foregoing subparagraphs.

2. By way of derogation from Article 4 and without prejudice to paragraph 3 or to Directive 79/117/EEC, a Member State may, during a period of 12 years following the notification of this Directive, authorize the placing on the market in its territory of plant protection products containing active substances not listed in Annex I that are already on the market two years after the date of notification of this Directive.

After the adoption of this Directive, the Commission shall commence a programme of work for the gradual examination of these active substances within the 12-year period referred to in the foregoing subparagraph. This programme may require interested parties to submit all requisite data to the Commission and the Member States within a period provided for in the programme. A Regulation, adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 19, will set out all the provisions necessary for the implementation of the programme.

Ten years following notification of this Directive the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council a progress report on the programme. Depending upon the conclusions of the report, it may be decided, according to the procedure laid down in Article 19, whether, for certain substances, the 12-year period referred to in the first subparagraph is to be extended for a period to be determined.

During the 12-year period referred to in the first subparagraph it may, following examination by the Committee referred to in Article 19 of such active substance, be decided by the procedure laid down in that Article that the substance can be included in Annex I and under which conditions, or, in cases where the requirements of Article 5 are not satisfied or the requisite information and data have not been submitted within the prescribed period, that such active substance will not be included in Annex I. The Member States shall ensure that the relevant authorizations are granted, withdrawn or varied, as appropriate, within a prescribed period.

3. Where they review plant protection products containing an active substance in accordance with paragraph 2, and before such review has taken place, Member States shall apply the requirements laid down in Article 4 (1) (b) (i) to (v), and (c) to (f) in accordance with national provisions concerning the data to be provided.

4. By way of further derogation from Article 4, in special circumstances a Member State may authorize for a period not exceeding 120 days the placing on the market of plant protection products not complying with Article 4 for a limited and controlled use if such a measure appears necessary because of an unforeseeable danger which cannot be contained by other means. In this case, the Member State concerned shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission of its action. It shall be decided without delay, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, whether and under which conditions the action taken by the Member State may be extended for a given period, repeated, or revoked.

▼B**Application for authorization***Article 9*

1. Application for authorization of a plant protection product shall be made by or on behalf of the person responsible for first placing it on the market in a Member State to the competent authorities of each Member State where the plant protection product is intended to be placed on the market.

Official or scientific bodies involved in agricultural activities or professional agricultural organizations and professional users may request that the field of application of a plant protection product already authorized in the Member State in question be extended to purposes other than those covered by this authorization.

Member States shall grant an extension of the field of application of an authorized plant protection product and shall be obliged to grant such an extension when it is in the public interest to the extent that:

- the documentation and information to support an extension of the field of application has been submitted by the applicant,
- they have established that the conditions referred to in Article 4 (1) (b) (iii), (iv) and (v) are satisfied,
- the intended use is minor in nature,
- users are fully and specifically informed as to instructions for use, by means of an addition to the labelling or, failing that, by means of an official publication.

2. Every applicant shall be required to have a permanent office within the Community.

3. Member States may require that applications for authorization be submitted in their national or official languages or one of those languages. They may also require that samples of the preparation and of its ingredients be provided.

4. Each Member State shall agree to consider any application for authorization made to it and shall decide thereon within a reasonable period, provided that it has the necessary scientific and technical structures at its disposal.

5. Member States shall ensure that a file is compiled on each application. Each file shall contain at least a copy of the application, a record of the administrative decisions taken by the Member State concerning the application and concerning the particulars and documentation laid down in Article 13 (1) together with a summary of the latter. Member States shall on request make available to the other Member States and to the Commission the files provided for in this paragraph; they shall supply to them on request all information necessary for full comprehension of applications, and shall where requested ensure that applicants provide a copy of the technical documentation laid down in Article 13 (1) (a).

Mutual recognition of authorizations*Article 10*

1. At the request of the applicant, who must substantiate the claim to comparability with documentary evidence, a Member State to which an application is made for the authorization of a plant protection product already authorized in another Member State must:

- refrain from requiring the repetition of tests and analyses already carried out in connection with the authorization of the product in that Member State, and to the extent that agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions relevant to the use of the product are comparable in the regions concerned, and
- to the extent that the uniform principles have been adopted in accordance with Article 23, where the product contains only active substances listed in Annex I, also authorize the placing of that product on the market in its territory, to the extent that agricultural,

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plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions relevant to the use of the product are comparable in the regions concerned.

Authorization may be subject to conditions resulting from the implementation of other measures in accordance with Community law, relating to the conditions for distribution and use of plant protection products intended to protect the health of the distributors, users and workers concerned.

Subject to compliance with the Treaty, authorization may also be accompanied by restrictions on use arising from differences in dietary patterns and necessary in order to avoid exposure of consumers of treated products to the risks of dietary contamination in excess of the acceptable daily intake of the residues concerned.

Authorization may be subject, with the agreement of the applicant, to changes in the conditions of use in order to render, in the regions concerned, any non-comparable agricultural, plant health or environmental (including climatic) conditions irrelevant for the purpose of comparability.

2. Member States shall inform the Commission of cases where they have required repetition of a test and of cases where they have refused to authorize a plant protection product already authorized in another Member State, in respect of which the applicant had claimed that the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions relevant to use of the product in the regions concerned in the Member State where the test was carried out or for which authorization was granted were comparable to those in their own territory. They shall notify the Commission of the grounds on which repetition of the test was required or authorization was refused.

3. Without prejudice to Article 23, in cases where a Member State refuses to recognize comparability and accept tests and analyses or authorize the placing on the market of a plant protection product in the relevant regions of its territory, the decision as to whether or not comparability exists shall be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 and, if the decision is negative, it shall also specify the conditions of use under which the non-comparability may be deemed irrelevant. In this procedure account shall be taken, *inter alia*, of the serious ecological vulnerability problems that may arise in certain Community regions or zones thereby requiring, if they do arise, specific protection measures. The Member State shall without delay accept the tests and analyses or authorize the placing of the plant protection product on the market, subject in the latter case to any terms which the above decision may set.

Article 11

1. Where a Member State has valid reasons to consider that a product which it has authorized or is bound to authorize under Article 10 constitutes a risk to human or animal health or the environment, it may provisionally restrict or prohibit the use and/or sale of that product on its territory. It shall immediately inform the Commission and the other Member States of such action and give reasons for its decision.

2. A decision shall be taken on the matter within three months in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

Exchange of information

Article 12

1. Within a period of one month at the end of each quarter at least, Member States shall inform each other and the Commission in writing of any plant protection products authorized or withdrawn, in accordance with the provisions of this Directive, indicating at least:

- the name or business name of the holder of the authorization,
- the trade name of the plant protection product,
- the type of preparation,

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- the name and amount of each active substance which it contains,
- the use or uses for which it is intended,
- the maximum residue levels provisionally established where they have not already been set by Community rules,
- where relevant, the reasons for withdrawal of an authorization,
- the dossier needed for the evaluation of the maximum residue levels provisionally established.

2. Each Member State shall draw up an annual list of the plant protection products authorized in its territory and shall communicate that list to the other Member States and the Commission.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21 a standardized information system shall be set up to facilitate the application of paragraphs 1 and 2.

Data requirements, data protection and confidentiality

Article 13

1. Without prejudice to Article 10, Member States shall require that applicants for authorization of a plant protection product submit with their application:

- (a) a dossier satisfying, in the light of current scientific and technical knowledge, the requirements set out in Annex III; and
- (b) for each active substance in the plant protection product, a dossier satisfying, in the light of current scientific and technical knowledge, the requirements set out in Annex II.

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, and without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4, applicants shall be exempted from supplying the information required under paragraph 1 (b) except for that identifying the active substance if the active substance is already listed in Annex I, taking into account the conditions of inclusion in Annex I, and does not differ significantly in degree of purity and nature of impurities, from the composition registered in the dossier accompanying the original application.

3. In granting authorizations, Member States shall not make use of the information referred to in Annex II for the benefit of other applicants:

- (a) unless the applicant has agreed with the first applicant that use may be made of such information; or
- (b) for a period of 10 years from first inclusion in Annex I of an active substance not on the market two years after the date of notification of this Directive; or
- (c) for periods not exceeding 10 years from the date of the decision in each Member State and provided for in existing national rules, concerning an active substance on the market two years after the date of notification of this Directive; and

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- (d) for a period of five years from the date of a decision, following receipt of further information necessary for first inclusion in Annex I, or to vary the conditions for, or to maintain the inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, which has been taken either to vary the conditions for, or to maintain, the inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, unless the five-year period expires before the period provided for in paragraphs 3 (b) and (c), in which case the period of five years shall be extended so as to expire on the same date as those periods.

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4. In granting authorizations, Member States shall not make use of the information referred to in Annex III to the benefit of other applicants:

- (a) unless the applicant has agreed with the first applicant that use may be made of such information; or
- (b) for a period of 10 years from first authorization of the plant protection product in any Member State, where authorization follows the inclusion in Annex I of any active substance contained in the product; or
- (c) for periods not exceeding 10 years and provided for in existing national rules after the first authorization of the plant protection product in each Member State, where that authorization precedes inclusion in Annex I of any active substance contained in the product.

5. Member States, on examination of an application for authorization, shall inform the Commission of instances ►C1 where they consider an active substance as listed ◀ in Annex I, which has been produced by a person or manufacturing process other than those specified in the dossier on the basis of which the active substance was first included in Annex I. They shall transmit to it all data regarding the identify and impurities of the active substance.

6. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, for active substances already on the market two years after notification of this Directive, Member States may, with due regard for the provisions of the Treaty, continue to apply previous national rules concerning data requirements as long as such substances are not included in Annex I.

7. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, and without prejudice to Article 10, where the active substance is listed in Annex I:

- (a) applicants for authorization of plant protection products shall, before carrying out experiments involving vertebrate animals, enquire of the competent authority of the Member State to which they intend making application:
 - whether the plant protection product for which an application is to be made is the same as a plant protection product for which authorization has been granted, and
 - as to the name and address of the holder or holders of the authorization or authorizations.

The enquiry shall be supported by evidence that the prospective applicant intends to apply for authorization on his own behalf and that the other information specified in paragraph 1 is available;

- (b) the competent authority of the Member State, if satisfied that the applicant intends to apply, shall provide the name and address of the holder or holders of previous relevant authorizations and shall at the time inform the holders of the authorizations of the name and address of the applicant.

The holder or holders of previous authorizations and the applicant shall take all reasonable steps to reach agreement on the sharing of information so as to avoid the duplication of testing on vertebrate animals.

Where data is requested with a view to inclusion in Annex I of an active substance already on the market two years after notification of this Directive, the competent authorities of the Member State shall encourage data holders to cooperate in the provision of the requested data, with a view to limiting the duplication of testing on vertebrate animals.

If, nevertheless, the applicant and holders of previous authorizations of the same product can still not reach an agreement on the sharing of data, Member States may introduce national measures obliging the applicant and holders of previous authorizations located within their territory to share the data with a view to avoiding duplicative testing on vertebrate animals and determine both the procedure for utilizing

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information, and the reasonable balance of the interests of the parties concerned.

Article 14

Member States and the Commission shall, without prejudice to Council Directive 90/313/EEC of 7 June 1990 on the freedom of access to information on the environment⁽¹⁾, ensure that information submitted by applicants involving industrial and commercial secrets is treated as confidential if the applicant wishing to have an active substance included in Annex I or the applicant for authorization of a plant protection product so requests, and if the Member State or the Commission accepts that the applicant's request is warranted.

Confidentiality shall not apply to:

- the names and content of the active substance or substances and the name of the plant protection product,
- the name of other substances which are regarded as dangerous under Directives 67/548/EEC and 78/631/EEC,
- physico-chemical data concerning the active substance and plant protection product,
- any ways of rendering the active substance or plant protection product harmless,
- a summary of the results of the tests to establish the substance's or product's efficacy and harmlessness to humans, animals, plants and the environment,
- recommended methods and precautions to reduce handling, storage, transport, fire or other hazards,
- methods of analysis referred to in Articles 4 (1) (c) and (d) and 5 (1),
- methods of disposal of the product and of its packaging,
- decontamination procedures to be followed in the case of accidental spillage or leakage,
- first aid and medical treatment to be given in the case of injury to persons.

If the applicant subsequently discloses previously confidential information, he shall be required to inform the competent authority accordingly.

Packaging and labelling of plant protection products*Article 15*

Article 5 (1) of Directive 78/631/EEC shall apply to all plant protection products not covered by Directive 78/631/EEC.

Article 16

Member States shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the packaging of plant protection products satisfies the following requirements as to labelling.

1. All packaging must show clearly and indelibly the following:

- (a) the trade name or designation of the plant protection product;
- (b) the name and address of the holder of the authorization and the authorization number of the plant protection product and, if different, the name and address of the person responsible for the final packaging and labelling or for the final labelling of the plant protection product on the market;
- C1 (c) the name and amount of each active substance expressed as provided for in Article 6 of Directive 78/631/EEC and ◀ in particular paragraph (2) (d) of that Article.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 158, 23. 6. 1990, p. 56.

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The name must be as given in the list contained in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or, if not included therein, its ISO common name. If the latter is not available, the active substance shall be designated by its chemical designation according to IUPAC rules;

- (d) the net quantity of plant protection product given in legal units of measurement;
 - (e) the formulation batch number or some means of identifying it;
 - (f) the particulars required under Article 6 of Directive 78/631/EEC, in particular those mentioned in paragraph 2 (d), (g), (h) and (i), and paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Article and information on first aid;
 - (g) the nature of any special risks for humans, animals or the environment, by means of standard phrases selected as appropriate from those given in Annex IV;
 - (h) safety precautions for the protection of humans, animals or the environment, in the form of standard phrases selected as appropriate from those given in Annex V;
 - (i) the type of action of the plant protection product (e.g. insecticide, growth regulator, weedkiller, etc.);
 - (j) the type of preparation (e.g. wettable powder, emulsifiable concentrate, etc.);
 - (k) the uses for which the plant protection product has been authorized and any specific agricultural, plant health and environmental conditions under which the product may be used or should not be used;
 - (l) directions for use and the dose rate, expressed in metric units, for each use provided for under the terms of the authorization;
 - (m) where necessary, the safety interval for each use between application and:
 - sowing or planting of the crop to be protected,
 - sowing or planting of succeeding crops,
 - access by humans or animals,
 - harvesting,
 - use or consumption;
 - (n) particulars of possible phytotoxicity, varietal susceptibility, and any other direct or indirect adverse side effects on plants or products of plant origin together with the intervals to be observed between application and sowing or planting of:
 - the crop in question, or
 - subsequent crops;
 - (o) if accompanied by a leaflet, as provided for in paragraph 2, the sentence 'Read accompanying instructions before use';
 - (p) directions for safe disposal of the plant protection product and of the packaging; and
 - (q) the expiry date relevant to normal conditions of storage where the shelf life of the product is limited to less than two years.
2. Member States may permit the requirements in paragraph 1 (l), (m) and (n) to be indicated on a separate leaflet accompanying the package if the space available on the package is too small. Such a leaflet shall be regarded as part of the label for the purposes of this Directive.
 3. Taking account of the rules in force within their territories regarding the supply of certain plant protection products to certain categories of users, pending Community harmonization, the Member States shall require that it be indicated on the label whether a product is restricted to certain categories of users.
 4. In no circumstances may the label of the packaging of a plant protection product bear the indications 'non-toxic', 'harmless', or similar indications. However, information to the effect that the plant

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protection product may be used when bees or other non-target species are active, or when crops or weeds are in flower or other such phrases to protect bees or other non-target species may be given on the label, if the authorization relates explicitly to use during the season for bees or other specified organisms and presents minimal hazard to them.

5. Member States may make the placing of plant protection products on the market in their territories subject to their being labelled in their national language or languages, and may require that samples, models or drafts of the packaging, labelling and leaflets referred to in this Article be submitted.

By way of derogation from paragraph 1 (g) and (h), Member States may require additional phrases to be clearly and indelibly marked on packaging where they are deemed to be necessary for the protection of human beings, animals or the environment; in that event they shall notify the other Member States and the Commission forthwith of each derogation granted and shall forward the additional phrase or phrases and the reasons for these requirements.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, a decision shall be taken that the additional phrase or phrases is or are justified and hence that Annexes IV and V must be amended accordingly, or that the Member States concerned must no longer require such phrase(s). The Member State shall be entitled to maintain its requirement until such time as a decision has been taken.

Control measures

Article 17

Member States shall make the necessary arrangements for plant protection products which have been placed on the market and for their use to be officially checked to see whether they comply with the requirements of this Directive and in particular with the requirements of the authorization and information appearing on the label.

The Member States shall report annually before 1 August to the other Member States and the Commission on the results of the inspection measures taken in the previous year.

Administrative provisions

Article 18

1. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt the 'uniform principles' referred to in Annex VI.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 and having regard to current scientific and technical knowledge, the necessary amendments to Annexes II, III, IV, V and VI shall be adopted.

Article 19

Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, matters shall be referred without delay by the chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State, to the Standing Committee on Plant Health, set up by Decision 76/894/EEC⁽¹⁾, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148 (2) of the Treaty. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 340, 9. 12. 1976, p. 25.

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committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that Article. The chairman shall not vote.

The Commission shall adopt the measures envisaged if they are in accordance with the opinion of the committee.

If the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall, without delay, submit to the Council a proposal relating to the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.

If, on the expiry of a period of three months from the date of referral to the Council, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.

Article 20

Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, matters shall be referred by the chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State, to the committee.

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The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The Committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time limit which the Chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148 (2) of the Treaty. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the Committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that Article. The Chairman shall not vote.

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The Commission shall adopt the measures envisaged if they are in accordance with the opinion of the committee.

If the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall, without delay, submit to the Council a proposal relating to the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.

If, on the expiry of a period of 15 days from the date of referral to the Council, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.

Article 21

Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, matters shall be referred by the Chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State, to the committee.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee. It shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

Research and development*Article 22*

1. The Member States shall prescribe that any experiment or test for research or development purposes involving the release into the environment of an unauthorized plant protection product may only be carried out after authorization for trial purposes has been granted and under controlled conditions and for limited quantities and areas.

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2. The persons concerned shall submit an application to the competent authority of the Member State in whose territory the experiment or test is to be conducted, within time periods prescribed by the Member State before the commencement of the experiment or test, together with a dossier containing all the available data to permit an assessment to be made of possible effects on human or animal health or the possible impact on the environment.

If the proposed experiments or tests referred to in paragraph 1 are liable to have harmful effects on human or animal health or to have an unacceptable adverse influence on the environment, the Member State concerned may either prohibit them or permit them subject to such conditions as it considers necessary to prevent those consequences.

3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply if the Member State has granted the person concerned the right to undertake certain experiments and tests and has determined the conditions under which the experiments and tests have to be undertaken.

4. Common conditions for the application of this Article, in particular the maximum quantities of pesticides that may be released during experiments covered by paragraph 1, and the minimum data to be submitted in accordance with paragraph 2, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

5. This Article shall not apply to experiments or tests covered by Part B of Directive 90/220/EEC.

Implementation of the Directive

Article 23

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive within two years following notification thereof. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof. The uniform principles shall be adopted one year after the date of notification.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.

2. Paragraph 1 notwithstanding, Member States need not bring into force laws, regulations and administrative provisions implementing Article 10 (1), second indent, until one year at the latest following adoption of the uniform principles, and only in relation to the requirements of Article 4 (1) (b) to (e) which are covered by the uniform principles thus adopted.

Article 24

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX I

**ACTIVE SUBSTANCES AUTHORIZED FOR INCORPORATION IN
PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS**

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ANNEX II

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOSSIER TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE IN ANNEX I▼ **M1**

INTRODUCTION

The information required shall:

- 1.1. include a technical dossier supplying the information necessary for evaluating the foreseeable risks, whether immediate or delayed, which the substance may entail for humans, animals and the environment and containing at least the information and results of the studies referred to below;

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- 1.2. where relevant, be generated using test guidelines, according to the latest adopted version, referred to or described in this Annex; in the case of studies initiated before the entry into force of the modification of this Annex, the information shall be generated using suitable internationally or nationally validated test guidelines or, in the absence thereof, test guidelines accepted by the competent authority;

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- 1.3. in the event of a test guideline being inappropriate or not described, or where another one than those referred to in this Annex has been used, include a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority for the guidelines used. ► **M4** In particular, when reference is made in this Annex to an EEC Method which consists in the transposal of a method developed by an international organization (e.g. OECD), Member States may accept that the required information is generated according to the latest version of that method if at the initiation of the studies the EEC Method has not yet been updated; ◀
- 1.4. include, when required by the competent authority, a full description of test guidelines used, except if they are referred to or described in this Annex, and a full description of any deviations from them including a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority, for these deviations;
- 1.5. include a full and unbiased report of the studies conducted as well as full description of them or a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority where:
 - particular data and information which would not be necessary owing to the nature of the product or its proposed uses, are not provided,
 - or
 - it is not scientifically necessary, or technically possible to supply information and data;
- 1.6. where relevant, have been generated in accordance with the requirements of Directive 86/609/EEC.
- 2.1. Tests and analyses must be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in Directive 87/18/EEC⁽¹⁾ where testing is done to obtain data on the properties and/or safety with respect to human or animal health or the environment.

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- 2.2. By way of derogation from point 2.1, Member States may provide that tests and analyses, performed on their territory in order to obtain data on the properties and/or safety of the substances with respect to honey-bees and beneficial arthropods other than bees shall be conducted by official or officially-recognized testing facilities or organizations which satisfy at least the requirements as set out under points 2.2 and 2.3 of the introduction to Annex III.

This derogation applies to trials actually started on or before 31 December 1999.

- 2.3. By way of derogation from point 2.1, Member States may provide that supervised residue trials performed on their territory in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 'Residues in or on treated products, food and feed' on plant protection products containing active substances already on the market two years after notification of the Directive shall be conducted

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 15, 17. 1. 1987, p. 29.

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by official or officially-recognized testing facilities or organizations which satisfy at least the requirements under points 2.2 and 2.3 of the introduction to Annex III.

This derogation applies for supervised residue trials actually started on or before 31 December 1997.

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PART A

Chemical substances⁽¹⁾**▼M2****1. Identity of the active substance**

The information provided must be sufficient to identify with precision each active substance, to define it in terms of its specification and to characterize it as to its nature. The information and data referred to, unless otherwise specified, are required for all active substances.

1.1. Applicant (name, address, etc.)

The name and address of the applicant (permanent Community address) must be provided as must the name, position, telephone and telefax number of the appropriate person to contact.

Where, in addition, the applicant has an office, agent or representative in the Member State to which the application for inclusion in Annex I is submitted, and if different, in the Rapporteur Member State appointed by the Commission, the name and address of the local office, agent or representative must be provided, as must the name, position, telephone and telefax number of the appropriate person to contact.

1.2. Manufacturer (name, address, including location of plant)

The name and address of the manufacturer or manufacturers of the active substance must be provided as must the name and address of each manufacturing plant in which the active substance is manufactured. A contact point (preferably a central contact point, to include name, telephone and telefax number) must be provided, with a view to providing updating information and responding to queries arising, regarding manufacturing technology, processes and the quality of product (including where relevant, individual batches). Where following inclusion of the active substances in Annex I, there are changes in the location or number of manufacturers, the information required must again be notified to the Commission and the Member States.

1.3. Common name proposed or ISO-accepted, and synonyms

The ISO common name, or proposed ISO common name and where relevant, other proposed or accepted common names (synonyms), including the name (title) of the nomenclature authority concerned, must be provided.

1.4. Chemical name (IUPAC and CA nomenclature)

The Chemical name as given in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC, or, if not included in this Directive, in accordance with both IUPAC and CA nomenclature, must be provided.

1.5. Manufacturer's development code number(s)

Code numbers used to identify the active substance, and where available, formulations containing the active substance, during development work, must be reported. For each code number reported, the material to which it relates, the period for which it was used, and the Member States or other countries in which it was used and is being used, must be stated.

⁽¹⁾ Substance within the meaning of the definition of Article 2, point 3.

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- 1.6. *CAS, EEC and CIPAC numbers (if available)*
Chemical Abstracts, EEC (EINECS or ELINCS), and CIPAC numbers, where they exist, must be reported.
- 1.7. *Molecular and structural formula, molecular mass*
The molecular formula, molecular mass and structural formula of the active substance, and where relevant, the structural formula of each stereo and optical isomer present in the active substance, must be provided.
- 1.8. *Method of manufacture (synthesis pathway) of the active substance*
The method of manufacture, in terms of the identity of the starting materials, the chemical pathways involved, and the identity of by-products and impurities present in the final product, must be provided, for each manufacturing plant. Generally process engineering information is not required.

Where the information provided relates to a pilot plant production system, the information required must again be provided once industrial scale production methods and procedures have stabilized.
- 1.9. *Specification of purity of the active substance in g/kg*
The minimum content in g/kg of pure active substance (excluding inactive isomers) in the manufactured material used for production of formulated products, must be reported.

Where the information provided relates to a pilot plant production system, the information required must again be provided to the Commission and the Member States once industrial scale production methods and procedures have stabilized, if production changes result in a changed specification of purity.
- 1.10. *Identity of isomers, impurities and additives (e.g. stabilizers), together with the structural formula and the content expressed as g/kg*
The maximum content in g/kg of inactive isomers as well as the ratio of the content of isomers/diastereo-isomers, where relevant, must be provided. In addition, the maximum content in g/kg of each further component other than additives, including by-products, and impurities, must be provided. In the case of additives the content in g/kg must be provided.

For each component, present in quantities of 1 g/kg or more, the following information, where relevant, must be provided:
— chemical name according to IUPAC and CA nomenclature,
— ISO common name or proposed common name if available,
— CAS number, EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) number, and CIPAC number if available,
— molecular and structural formula,
— molecular mass, and
— maximum content in g/kg.

Where the manufacturing process is such that impurities and by-products which are particularly undesirable because of their toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental properties could be present in the active substance, the content of each such compound must be determined and reported. In such cases, the analytical methods used and the limits of determination, which must be sufficiently low, for each compound of concern, must be reported. Additionally the following information, where relevant, must be provided:
— chemical name according to IUPAC and CA nomenclature,
— ISO common name or proposed common name if available,
— CAS number, EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) number, and CIPAC number if available,
— molecular and structural formula,
— molecular mass, and
— maximum content in g/kg.

Where the information provided relates to a pilot plant production system, the information required must again be provided once industrial scale production methods and procedures have stabilized, if production changes result in a changed specification of purity.

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Where the information provided does not fully identify a component viz. condensates, detailed information on the composition must be provided for each such component.

The trade name of components added to the active substance, prior to manufacture of formulated product, to preserve stability and facilitate ease of handling, where they are used, must also be provided. Additionally the following information, where relevant, must be provided for such additives:

- chemical name according to IUPAC and CA nomenclature,
- ISO common name or proposed common name if available,
- CAS number, EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) number, and CIPAC number if available,
- molecular and structural formula,
- molecular mass, and
- maximum content in g/kg.

For added components, other than active substance and other than impurities resulting from the manufacturing process, the function of the component (additive) must be given:

- antifoaming agent,
- antifreeze,
- binder,
- other (specify),
- buffer,
- dispersing agent,
- stabilizer.

1.11. *Analytical profile of batches*

Representative samples of the active substance must be analysed for content of pure active substance, inactive isomers, impurities and additives, as appropriate. The analytical results reported must include quantitative data, in terms of g/kg content, for all components present in quantities of more than 1 g/kg and typically should account for at least 98 % of the material analysed. The actual content of components which are particularly undesirable because of their toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental properties, must be determined and reported. Data reported must include the results of the analysis of individual samples and a summary of that data, to show the minimum or maximum and typical content of each relevant component, as appropriate.

Where an active substance is produced in different plants this information must be provided for each of the plants separately.

In addition, where available and relevant, samples of the active substance produced in laboratory scale or pilot production systems, must be analyzed, if such material was used in generating toxicological or ecotoxicological data.

2. **Physical and chemical properties of the active substance**

(i) The information provided, must describe the physical and chemical properties of active substances and together with relevant information, must serve to characterize them. In particular, the information provided must permit:

- physical, chemical, and technical hazards associated with active substances, to be identified,
- classification of active substance as to hazard,
- appropriate restrictions and conditions to be associated with inclusions in Annex I to be selected, and
- appropriate risk and safety phrases to be specified.

The information and data referred to are required for all active substances, except where otherwise specified.

(ii) The information provided, taken together with that provided for relevant preparations, must permit the physical, chemical hazards associated with preparations, to be identified, permit preparations to be classified, and permit establishment that preparations can be used without unnecessary difficulty, and be such that exposure of man, animals, and the environment is minimized, taking account of manner of use.

(iii) The extent to which active substances of which inclusion in Annex I is sought, comply with relevant FAO specifications,

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must be stated. Divergences from FAO specifications must be described in detail, and justified.

- (iv) In certain specified instances, tests must be conducted using purified active substance of stated specification. In such cases the principles of the method(s) of purification must be reported. The purity of such test material, which must be as high as can be achieved using the best available technology, must be reported. A reasoned justification must be provided in cases where the degree of purity achieved is less than 980 g/kg.

Such justification must demonstrate that all technically feasible and reasonable possibilities for the production of the pure active substance have been exhausted.

2.1. *Melting point and boiling point*

- 2.1.1. The melting point or where appropriate the freezing or solidification point of purified active substance must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 1. Measurements should be taken up to 360 °C.
- 2.1.2. Where appropriate the boiling point of purified active substances must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 2. Measurements should be taken up to 360 °C.
- 2.1.3. Where melting point and/or boiling point cannot be determined because of decomposition or sublimation, the temperature at which decomposition or sublimation occurs, must be reported.

2.2. *Relative density*

In the case of active substances which are liquids or solids, the relative density of the purified active substance must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 3.

2.3. *Vapour pressure (in Pa), volatility (e.g. Henry's law constant)*

- 2.3.1. The vapour pressure of purified active substance must be reported according to EEC method A 4. Where vapour pressure is less than 10^{-5} Pa, the vapour pressure at 20 or 25 °C may be estimated by a vapour pressure curve.
- 2.3.2. In the case of active substances which are solids or liquids, volatility (Henry's law constant) of purified active substance must be determined or calculated from its water solubility and vapour pressure and be reported (in $\text{Pa} \times \text{m}^3 \times \text{mol}^{-1}$).

2.4. *Appearance (physical state, colour and odour; if known)*

- 2.4.1. A description of both the colour, if any, and the physical state of both the active substance as manufactured and purified active substance, must be provided.
- 2.4.2. A description of any odour associated with the active substance as manufactured and purified active substance, noted when handling the materials in laboratories or production plants, must be reported.

2.5. *Spectra (UV/VIS, IR, NMR, MS), molecular extinction at relevant wavelengths*

- 2.5.1. The following spectra including a table of signal characteristics needed for interpretation must be determined and reported: Ultraviolet/Visible (UV/VIS), infrared (IR), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and mass spectra (MS) of purified active substance and molecular extinction at relevant wavelengths, must be determined and reported.

The wavelengths at which UV/visible molecular extinction occurs are to be determined and reported and must include where appropriate a wavelength at the highest absorption value above 290 nm.

In the case of active substances which are resolved optical isomers their optical purity must be measured and reported.

- 2.5.2. The UV/visible absorption spectra, IR, NMR and MS spectra, where necessary for the identification of the impurities considered to be of toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental significance must be determined and reported.

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The water solubility of purified active substances under atmospheric pressure must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 6. These water solubility determinations must be made in the neutral range (i.e. in distilled water in equilibrium with atmospheric carbon dioxide). Where the active substance is capable of forming ions, determinations must also be made in the acidic range (pH 4 to 6) and in the alkaline range (pH 8 to 10), and be reported. Where the stability of the active substance in aqueous media is such that water solubility cannot be determined, a justification based on test data must be provided.

2.7. *Solubility in organic solvents*

The solubility of the active substances as manufactured in the following organic solvents at 15 to 25 °C must be determined and reported if less than 250 g/kg; the temperature applied must be specified:

- Aliphatic hydrocarbon: preferably n-heptane,
- Aromatic hydrocarbon: preferably xylene,
- Halogenated hydrocarbon: preferably 1,2-dichloroethane,
- Alcohol: preferably methanol or isopropyl alcohol,
- Ketone: preferably acetone,
- Ester: preferably ethyl acetate.

If for a particular active substance, one or more of these solvents is unsuitable (e.g. reacts with test material), alternative solvents can be used instead. In such cases, choices made must be justified in terms of their structure and polarity.

2.8. *Partition coefficient n-octanol/water including effect of pH (4 to 10)*

The n-octanol/water partition coefficient of purified active substance must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 8. The effect of pH (4 to 10) must be investigated when the substance is acidic or basic as defined by its pKa value (< 12 for acids, > 2 for bases).

2.9. *Stability in water, hydrolysis rate, photochemical degradation, quantum yield and identity of breakdown product(s), dissociation constant including effect of pH (4 to 9)*

2.9.1. The hydrolysis rate of purified active substances (usually radiolabelled active substance, > 95 % purity), for each of the pH values 4, 7 and 9, under sterile conditions, in the absence of light, must be determined and report according to EEC method C 7. For substances with a low rate of hydrolysis, the rate can be determined at 50 °C, or another appropriate temperature.

If degradation is observed at 50 °C, degradation rate at another temperature must be determined, and an Arrhenius plot must be constructed to permit an estimate to be made of hydrolysis at 20 °C. The identity of hydrolysis products formed and the rate constantly observed, must be reported. The estimated DT 50 value must also be reported.

2.9.2. For compounds with a molar (decadic) absorption coefficient (ϵ) > 10 ($1 \times \text{mol}^{-1} \times \text{cm}^{-1}$) at a wavelength $\lambda \geq 290$ nm, direct phototransformation in purified (e.g. distilled) water at 20 to 25 °C, of purified active substance usually radio labelled using artificial light under sterile conditions, if necessary using a solubilizer, must be determined and reported. Sensitizers such as acetone must not be used as a cosolvent or solubilizer. The light source must simulate sunlight and be equipped with filters to exclude radiation at wavelengths $\lambda < 290$ nm. The identity of breakdown products formed which at any time during the study are present in quantities ≥ 10 % of the active substance added, a mass balance to account for at least 90 % of the applied radioactivity, as well as photochemical half-life must be reported.

2.9.3. Where necessary to investigate direct phototransformation, the quantum yield of direct photodegradation in water must be determined and reported, together with calculations to estimate theoretical lifetime of the active substance in the top layer of aqueous systems and the real lifetime of the substance.

The method is described in the FAO Revised Guidelines on Environmental Criteria for the Registration of Pesticides.

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- 2.9.4. Where dissociation in water occurs, the dissociation constant(s) (pKa values) of the purified active substance must be determined and reported according to OECD Test Guideline 112. The identity of the dissociated species formed, based on theoretical considerations, must be reported. If the active substance is a salt, the pKa value of the active principle must be given.
- 2.10. *Stability in air, photochemical degradation, identity of breakdown product(s)*
An estimation of the photochemical oxidative degradation (indirect phototransformation) of the active substance, must be submitted.
- 2.11. *Flammability including auto-flammability*
- 2.11.1. The flammability of active substances as manufactured, which are solids, gases, or are substances which evolve highly flammable gases, must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 10, A 11 or A 12 as appropriate.
- 2.11.2. The auto-flammability of active substances as manufactured must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 15 or A 16 as appropriate, and/or, where necessary according to the UN-Bowes-Cameron-Cage-Test (UN-Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Chapter 14, No 14.3.4).
- 2.12. *Flash point*
The flash point of active substances as manufactured with a melting point below 40 °C, must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 9; only closed cup methods should be used.
- 2.13. *Explosive properties*
The explosive properties of active substances as manufactured, must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 14 where necessary.
- 2.14. *Surface tension*
The surface tension has to be determined and reported according to EEC method A 5.
- 2.15. *Oxidizing properties*
The oxidizing properties of active substances as manufactured, must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 17, except where examination of its structural formula, establishes beyond reasonable doubt that the active substance is incapable of reacting exothermically with a combustible material. In such cases, it is sufficient to provide that information as justification for not determining the oxidizing properties of the substance.
3. **Further information on the active substance**
- (i) The information provided must describe the intended purposes for which preparations containing the active substance are used, or are to be used and the dose and manner of their use or proposed use.
 - (ii) The information provided must specify the normal methods and precautions to be followed, in the handling, storage and transport of the active substance.
 - (iii) The studies, data and information submitted, together with other relevant studies, data and information, must both specify and justify the methods and precautions to be followed in the event of fire. The possible products of combustion in the event of fire should be estimated, based on the chemical structure and the chemical and physical properties of the active substance.
 - (iv) The studies, data and information submitted, together with other relevant studies, data and information, must demonstrate the suitability of measures proposed for use in emergency situations.
 - (v) The information and data referred to are required for all active substances, except where otherwise specified.

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- 3.1. *Function, e.g. fungicide, herbicide, insecticide, repellent, growth regulator*
- The function must be specified from among the following:
- acaricide
 - bactericide
 - fungicide
 - herbicide
 - insecticide
 - molluscicide
 - nematocide
 - plant growth regulator
 - repellent
 - rodenticide
 - semio-chemicals
 - talpicide
 - viricide
 - other (must be specified)
- 3.2. *Effects on harmful organisms, e.g. contact poison, inhalation poison, stomach poison, fungitoxic, etc. systematic or not in plants*
- 3.2.1. The nature of the effects on harmful organisms must be stated:
- contact action
 - stomach action
 - inhalation action
 - fungitoxic action
 - fungistatic action
 - desiccant
 - reproduction inhibitor
 - other (must be specified)
- 3.2.2. It must be stated whether or not the active substance is translocated in plants and where relevant whether such translocation is apoplastic, symplastic or both.
- 3.3. *Field of use envisaged, e.g. field, protected crops, storage of plant products, home gardening*
- The field(s) of use, existing and proposed, for preparations containing the active substance must be specified from among the following:
- Field use, such as agriculture, horticulture, forestry and viticulture
 - Protected crops
 - Amenity
 - Weed control on non-cultivated areas
 - Home gardening
 - House plants
 - Plant products storage practice
 - Other (specify)
- 3.4. *Harmful organisms controlled and crops or products protected or treated*
- 3.4.1. Details of existing and the intended use in terms of crops, groups of crops, plants, or plant products treated and where relevant protected, must be provided.
- 3.4.2. Where relevant, details of harmful organisms against which protection is afforded, must be provided.
- 3.4.3. Where relevant, effects achieved e.g. sprout suppression, retardation of ripening, reduction in stem length, enhanced fertilization etc., must be reported.
- 3.5. *Mode of action*
- 3.5.1. To the extent that is has elucidated, a statement must be provided as to the mode of action of the active substance in terms, where relevant, of the biochemical and physiological mechanism(s) and biochemical pathway(s) involved. Where available, the results of relevant experimental studies must be reported.

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- 3.5.2. Where it is known that to exert its intended effect, the active substance must be converted to a metabolite or degradation product following application or use of preparations containing it, the following information, cross referenced to and drawing on information provided in the context of paragraphs 5.6, 5.11, 6.1, 6.2, 6.7, 7.1, 7.2 and 9, where relevant, must be provided for active metabolite or degradation product:
- chemical name according to IUPAC and CA nomenclature,
 - ISO common name or proposed common name,
 - CAS EEC-number EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) number, and CIPAC number if available,
 - empirical and structural formula, and
 - molecular mass.
- 3.5.3. Available information relating to the formation of active metabolites and degradation products, must be provided, to include:
- the processes, mechanisms and reactions involved,
 - kinetic and other data concerning the rate of conversion and if known the rate limiting step,
 - environmental and other factors effecting the rate and extent of conversion.
- 3.6. *Information on the occurrence or possible occurrence of the development of resistance and appropriate management strategies*
- Where available information on possible occurrence of the development of resistance or cross-resistance must be provided.
- 3.7. *Recommended methods and precautions concerning handling, storage, transport or fire*
- A safety data sheet pursuant to Article 27 of Council Directive 65/548/EEC⁽¹⁾ must be provided for all active substances.
- 3.8. *Procedures for destruction or decontamination*
- 3.8.1. **Controlled incineration**
- In many cases the preferred or sole means to safely dispose of active substances, contaminated materials, or contaminated packaging, is through controlled incineration in a licensed incinerator.
- Where the content of halogens of the active substance is greater than 60 %, the pyrolytic behaviour of the active substance under controlled conditions (including where relevant supply of oxygen and defined residence time), at 800 °C and the content of polyhalogenated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzo-furans in the products of pyrolysis must be reported. The application must provide detailed instructions for safe disposal.
- 3.8.2. **Others**
- Other methods to dispose of the active substance, contaminated packaging and contaminated materials, where proposed, must be fully described. Data must be provided for such methods, to establish their effectiveness and safety.
- 3.9. *Emergency measures in case of an accident*
- Procedures for the decontamination of water in case of an accident must be provided.

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The provisions of this section only cover analytical methods required for post-registration control and monitoring purposes.

For analytical methods used for generation of data as required in this Directive or for other purposes the applicant has to provide a justifi-

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.

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cation for the method used; where necessary separate guidance will be developed for such methods on the basis of the same requirements as defined for methods for post-registration control and monitoring purposes.

Descriptions of methods must be provided and include details of equipment, materials and conditions used.

As far as practicable these methods must employ the simplest approach, involve the minimum cost, and require commonly available equipment.

For this section the following applies:

Impurities	Any component other than the pure active substance which is present in the active substance as manufactured (including non-active isomers) originating from the manufacturing process or from degradation during storage,
Relevant impurities	Impurities of toxicological and/or ecotoxicological or environmental concern,
Significant impurities	Impurities with a content of ≥ 1 g/kg in the active substance as manufactured,
Metabolites	Metabolites include products resulting from degradation or reaction of the active substance,
Relevant metabolites	Metabolites of toxicological and/or ecotoxicological or environmental concern.

On request the following samples must be provided:

- (i) analytical standards of the pure active substance;
- (ii) samples of the active substance as manufactured;
- (iii) analytical standards of relevant metabolites and all other components included in the residue definition;
- (iv) if available, samples of reference substances for the relevant impurities.

4.1. **Methods for the analysis of the active substance as manufactured**

For this point the following definitions apply:

(i) *Specificity*

Specificity is the ability of a method to distinguish between the analyte being measured and other substances.

(ii) *Linearity*

Linearity is defined as the ability of the method, within a given range, to obtain an acceptable linear correlation between the results and the concentration of analyte in samples.

(iii) *Accuracy*

The accuracy of a method is defined as the degree to which the determined value of analyte in a sample corresponds to the accepted reference value (for example ISO 5725).

(iv) *Precision*

Precision is defined as the closeness of agreement between independent test results obtained under prescribed conditions.

Repeatability: Precision under repeatability conditions, i.e. conditions where independent test results are obtained with the same method on identical test material in the same laboratory by the same operator using the same equipment within short intervals of time.

The reproducibility is not required for the active substance as manufactured (for definition of reproducibility see ISO 5725).

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- 4.1.1. Methods, which must be described in full, must be provided for the determination of pure active substance in the active substance as manufactured as specified in the dossier submitted in support of inclusion in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. The applicability of existing Cipac methods must be reported.
- 4.1.2. Methods must also be provided for the determination of significant and/or relevant impurities and additives (e.g. stabilizers) in the active substance as manufactured.
- 4.1.3. Specificity, linearity, accuracy and repeatability
- 4.1.3.1. Specificity of methods submitted, must be demonstrated and reported. In addition the extent of interference by other substances present in the active substance as manufactured (e.g. isomers, impurities or additives), must be determined.
- While interferences due to other components may be identified as systematic errors in the assessment of the accuracy of methods proposed for the determination of pure active substance in the active substance as manufactured, an explanation must be provided for any interference occurring which contributes more than $\pm 3\%$ to the total quantity determined. The degree of interference for methods for the determination of impurities must also be demonstrated.
- 4.1.3.2. The linearity of proposed methods over an appropriate range must be determined and reported. For the determination of pure active substance, the calibration range must extend (by at least 20 %) the highest and lowest nominal content of the analyte in relevant analytical solutions. Duplicate calibration determinations must be made at three or more concentrations. Alternatively, five concentrations, each as single measurements, are acceptable. Reports submitted must include the equation of the calibration line and the correlation coefficient and representative and properly labelled documentation from the analysis, e.g. chromatograms.
- 4.1.3.3. Accuracy is required for methods for the determination of pure active substance and significant and/or relevant impurities in the active substance as manufactured.
- 4.1.3.4. For the repeatability in the determination of the pure active substance in principle a minimum of five determinations must be made. The relative standard deviation (% RSD) must be reported. Outliers identified through an appropriate method (e.g. Dixons or Grubbs test), may be discarded. Where outliers have been discarded, that fact must be clearly indicated. An explanation as to the reason for the occurrence of individual outliers, must be attempted.

4.2. **Methods for the determination of residues**

The methods must be capable of determining the active substance and/or relevant metabolites. For each method and for each relevant representative matrix, the specificity, precision, recovery, and limit of determination must be experimentally determined and reported.

In principle, residue methods proposed should be multi-residue methods; a standard multi-residue method must be assessed and reported as to its suitability for residue determination. Where residue methods proposed are not multi-residue methods, or are not compatible with such methods, an alternative method must be proposed. Where this requirement results in an excessive number of methods for individual compounds, a 'common moiety method' may be acceptable.

For this section the following definitions apply:

(i) *Specificity*

Specificity is the ability of a method to distinguish between the analyte being measured and other substances.

(ii) *Precision*

Precision is defined as the closeness of agreement between independent test results obtained under prescribed conditions.

Repeatability: Precision under repeatability conditions, i.e. conditions where independent test results are obtained with the same method on identical test material in the same laboratory by the same operator using the same equipment within short intervals of time.

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Reproducibility: As the definition of reproducibility in relevant publications (for example, in ISO 5725) is in general not practicable for residue analytical methods, reproducibility in the context of this Directive is defined as a validation of repeatability of recovery, from representative matrices and at representative levels, by at least one laboratory which is independent from that which initially validated the study (this independent laboratory may be within the same company) (independent laboratory validation).

(iii) *Recovery*

The percentage of the amount of active substance or relevant metabolite originally added to a sample of the appropriate matrix which contains no detectable level of the analyte.

(iv) *Limit of determination*

The limit of determination (often referred to as limit of quantification) is defined as the lowest concentration tested, at which an acceptable mean recovery is obtained (normally 70 to 110 % with a relative standard deviation of preferably ≤ 20 %; in certain justified cases lower or higher mean recovery rates as well as higher relative standard deviations may be acceptable).

4.2.1. Residues in and/or on plants, plant products, foodstuffs (of plant and animal origin), feedingstuffs

Methods submitted must be suitable for the determination of all components included in the residue definition as submitted according to the provisions of section 6, points 6.1 and 6.2 in order to enable Member States to determine compliance with established MRL's or to determine dislodgeable residues.

The specificity of the methods must enable all components included in the residue definition to be determined, using an additional confirmatory method if appropriate.

The repeatability must be determined and reported. The replicate analytical portions for test can be prepared from a common field treated sample, containing incurred residues. Alternatively the replicate analytical portions for test can be prepared from a common untreated sample with aliquots fortified at the required level(s).

The results from an independent laboratory validation must be reported.

The limit of determination including the individual and mean recovery must be determined and reported. The overall relative standard deviation, as well as the relative standard deviation for each fortification level must be experimentally determined and reported.

4.2.2. Residues in soil

Methods for analysis of soil for parent compound and/or relevant metabolites must be submitted.

The specificity of the methods must enable the parent compound and/or relevant metabolites to be determined, using an additional confirmatory method if appropriate.

The repeatability, recovery and the limit of determination including the individual and mean recovery must be determined and reported. The overall relative standard deviation, as well as the relative standard deviation for each fortification level must be experimentally determined and reported.

The proposed limit of determination must not exceed a concentration which is of concern with regard to exposure of non-target organisms or because of phytotoxic effects. Normally the proposed limit of determination should not exceed 0,05 mg/kg.

4.2.3. Residues in water (including drinking water, ground water and surface water)

Methods for analysis in water for parent compound and/or relevant metabolites must be submitted.

The specificity of the methods must enable the parent compound and/or relevant metabolites to be determined, using an additional confirmatory method if appropriate.

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The repeatability, recovery and the limit of determination including the individual and mean recovery must be determined and reported. The overall relative standard deviation, as well as the relative standard deviation for each fortification level must be experimentally determined and reported.

For drinking water the proposed limit of determination must not exceed 0,1 µg/l. For surface water the proposed limit of determination must not exceed a concentration which has an impact on non-target organisms deemed to be unacceptable according to the requirements of Annex VI.

4.2.4. Residues in air

Methods for the analysis in air of the active substance and/or relevant metabolites formed during or shortly after application must be submitted unless it can be justified that exposure of operators, workers or bystanders is not likely to occur.

The specificity of the methods must enable the parent compound and/or relevant metabolites to be determined, using an additional confirmatory method if appropriate.

The repeatability, recovery and the limit of determination including the individual and mean recovery must be determined and reported. The overall relative standard deviation, as well as the relative standard deviation for each fortification level must be experimentally determined and reported.

The proposed limit of determination must take into account relevant health based limit values or relevant exposure levels.

4.2.5. Residues in body fluids and tissues

Where an active substance is classified as toxic or highly toxic appropriate analytical methods must be submitted.

The specificity of the methods must enable the parent compound and/or relevant metabolites to be determined, using an additional confirmatory method if appropriate.

The repeatability; recovery and the limit of determination including the individual and mean recovery must be determined and reported. The overall relative standard deviation, as well as the relative standard deviation for each fortification level must be experimentally determined and reported.

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5. Toxicological and metabolism studies

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- (i) The information provided, taken together with that provided for one or more preparations containing the active substance, must be sufficient to permit an evaluation to be made as to the risks for man, associated with the handling and use of plant protection products containing the active substance, and the risk for man arising from residual traces remaining in food and water. In addition, the information provided must be sufficient to:
- permit a decision to be made as to whether, or not, the active substance can be included in Annex I,
 - specify appropriate conditions or restrictions to be associated with any inclusion in Annex I,
 - classify the active substance as to hazard,
 - establish a relevant acceptable daily intake (ADI) level for man,
 - establish acceptable operator exposure level(s) (AOEL),
 - specify the hazard symbols, the indications of danger, and the risk and safety phrases for the protection of man, animals and the environment to be included in packaging (containers),
 - identify relevant first aid measures as well as appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic measures to be followed in the event of poisoning in man, and
 - permit an evaluation to be made as to the nature and extent of the risks for man, animals (species normally fed and kept or consumed by man) and of the risks for other non-target vertebrate species.

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- (ii) There is a need to investigate and report all potentially adverse effects found during routine toxicological investigations (including effects on organs and special systems such as immunotoxicity and neurotoxicity) and to undertake and report such additional studies which may be necessary to investigate the probable mechanism involved, to establish Noaels (no observed adverse effect levels), and to assess the significance of these effects. All available biological data and information which is relevant to the assessment of the toxicological profile of the substance tested, must be reported.
- (iii) In the context of the influence that impurities can have on toxicological behaviour, it is essential that for each study submitted, a detailed description (specification) of the material used, as mentioned under section 1 point 11 be provided. Tests should be conducted using active substance of that specification to be used in the manufacture of preparations to be authorized, except where radiolabelled material is required or permitted.
- (iv) Where studies are conducted using an active substance produced in the laboratory or in a pilot plant production system, the studies must be repeated using the active substance as manufactured, unless it can be justified that the test material used is essentially the same, for the purposes of toxicological testing and assessment. In cases of uncertainty, appropriate bridging studies must be submitted to serve as a basis for a decision as to the possible need for repetition of the studies.
- (v) In the case of studies in which dosing extends over a period, dosing should preferably be done using a single batch of active substance if stability permits.
- (vi) For all studies actual achieved dose in mg/kg body weight, as well as in other convenient units, must be reported. Where dosing via the diet is utilized the test compound must be distributed uniformly in the diet.
- (vii) Where, as a result of metabolism or other processes in or on treated plants, or as a result of processing of treated products, the terminal residue (to which consumers or workers as defined in Annex III, point 7.2.3 will be exposed) contains a substance which is not the active substance itself and is not identified as a metabolite in mammals, it will be necessary to carry out toxicity studies on these components of the terminal residue unless it can be demonstrated that consumer or worker exposure to these substances does not constitute a relevant risk to health. Toxicokinetic and metabolism studies relating to metabolites and degradation products should only be conducted if toxicity findings of the metabolite cannot be evaluated by the available results relating to the active substance.
- (viii) The way of administration of the test substance depends on the main exposure routes. In cases where exposure is mainly by the gas phase, it can be more appropriate to perform inhalation studies instead of oral studies.

5.1. **Studies on absorption, distribution, excretion and metabolism in mammals**

Quite limited data, as described below and restricted to one test species (normally the rat) may be all that is required in this area. These data can provide information useful in the design and interpretation of subsequent toxicity tests. However, it must be remembered that information on interspecies differences may be crucial in extrapolation of animal data to man and information on percutaneous penetration, absorption, distribution, excretion and metabolism may be useful in operator risk assessments. It is not possible to specify detailed data requirements in all areas, since the exact requirements will be dependant upon the results obtained for each particular test substance.

Aim of the test:

The tests should provide sufficient data to permit:

- an evaluation of the rate and extent of absorption,
- the tissue distribution and the rate and extent of excretion of the test substance and the relevant metabolites,
- the identification of metabolites and the metabolic pathway.

The effect of dose level on these parameters and whether results are different after single versus repeated doses, should also be investigated.

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Circumstances in which required

A single dose toxicokinetic study in rats (oral route of administration) in at least two dose levels as well as a repeated dose toxicokinetic study in rats (oral route of administration) at a single dose level, must be conducted and reported. It may be necessary in some cases to perform additional studies on another species (such as goat or chicken).

Test guideline

Commission Directive 87/302/EEC of 18 November 1987 adapting to technical progress for the ninth time Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances⁽¹⁾, part B, Toxicokinetics.

5.2. **Acute toxicity**

The studies, data and information to be provided and evaluated must be sufficient to permit the identification of effects following a single exposure to the active substance, and in particular to establish, or indicate:

- the toxicity of the active substance;
- the time course and characteristics of the effects with full details of behavioural changes and possible gross pathological findings at post-mortem;
- where possible mode of toxic action; and
- the relative hazard associated with the different routes of exposure.

While the emphasis must be on estimating the toxicity ranges involved, the information generated must also permit the active substance to be classified in accordance with Council Directive 67/548/EEC. The information generated through acute toxicity testing is of particular value in assessing hazards likely to arise in accident situations.

5.2.1. *Oral*

Circumstances in which required

The acute oral toxicity of the active substance must always be reported.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with the Annex to Commission Directive 92/69/EEC of 31 July 1992 adapting to technical progress for the seventeenth time Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances⁽²⁾, Method B1 or B1 bis.

5.2.2. *Percutaneous*

Circumstances in which required

The acute percutaneous toxicity of the active substance must always be reported.

Test guideline

Both local and systemic effects must be investigated. The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC method B3.

5.2.3. *Inhalation*

Circumstances in which required

The inhalation toxicity of the active substance must be reported where the active substance is:

- a gas or liquified gas,
- is to be used as a fumigant,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 133, 30. 5. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 383A, 29. 12. 1992, p. 1.

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- is to be included in a smoke generating, aerosol or vapour releasing preparation,
- is to be used with fogging equipment,
- has a vapour pressure $> 1 \times 10^{\text{minus}2}$ Pa and is to be included in preparations to be used in enclosed spaces such as warehouses or glasshouses,
- is to be included in preparations which are powders containing a significant proportion of particles of diameter \blacktriangleright **C3** $< 50\mu\text{m}$ \blacktriangleleft ($> 1\%$ on a weight basis), or
- is to be included in preparations to be applied in a manner which generates a significant proportion of particles or droplets of diameter $< 50\mu\text{m}$ ($> 1\%$ on a weight basis).

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B2.

5.2.4. *Skin irritation*

Aim of the test

The test will provide the potential of skin irritancy of the active substance including the potential reversibility of the effects observed.

Circumstances in which required

The skin irritancy of the active substance must be determined except where it is likely, as indicated in the test guideline, that severe skin effects may be produced or that effects can be excluded.

Test guideline

The acute skin irritation must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B4.

5.2.5. *Eye irritation*

Aim of test

The test will provide the potential of eye irritancy of the active substance including the potential reversibility of the effects observed.

Circumstances in which required

Eye irritation tests must be conducted except where it is likely, as indicated in the test guideline, that severe effects on the eyes may be produced.

Test guidelines

The acute eye irritation must be determined in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B5.

5.2.6. *Skin sensitization*

Aim of test

The test will provide sufficient information to assess the potential of the active substance to provoke skin sensitization reactions.

Circumstances in which required

The test must always be carried out except where the substance is a known sensitizer.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B6.

5.3. **Short-term toxicity**

Short-term toxicity studies must be designed to provide information as to the amount of the active substance that can be tolerated without toxic effects under the conditions of the study. Such studies provide useful data on the risks for those handling and using preparations containing the active substance. In particular, short-term studies provide an essential insight into possible cumulative actions of the active substance and the risks to workers who may be intensively exposed. In addition short-term studies provide information useful in the design of chronic toxicity studies.

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The studies, data and information to be provided and evaluated, must be sufficient to permit the identification of effects following repeated exposure to the active substance, and in particular to further establish, or indicate:

- the relationship between dose and adverse effects,
- toxicity of the active substance including where possible the Noael,
- target organs, where relevant,
- the time course and characteristics of poisoning with full details of behavioural changes and possible pathological findings at post-mortem,
- specific toxic effects and pathological changes produced,
- where relevant the persistence and reversibility of certain toxic effects observed, following discontinuation of dosing,
- where possible, the mode of toxic action, and
- the relative hazard associated with the different routes of exposure.

5.3.1. *Oral 28-day study*

Circumstances in which required

Although it is not mandatory to perform 28-day short term studies, they can be useful as range finding tests. Where conducted they must be reported, since the results could be of particular value in the identification of adaptive responses which can be masked in chronic toxicity studies.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B7.

5.3.2. *Oral 90-day study*

Circumstances in which required

The short-term oral toxicity (90 day) of the active substance to both rat and dog, must always be reported. Where there is evidence that the dog is significantly more sensitive and where such data are likely to be of value in extrapolating results obtained to man, a 12-month toxicity study in dogs must be conducted and reported.

Test guidelines

Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B, sub-chronic oral toxicity test.

5.3.3. *Other routes*

Circumstances in which required

For the assessment of operator exposure additional percutaneous studies may be useful.

For volatile substances (vapour pressure $>10^{-2}$ Pascal) expert judgment is required to decide whether the short term studies have to be performed by oral or inhalation exposure.

Test guidelines

- 28-day dermal: Directive 92/69/EEC Method B9,
- 90-day dermal: Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B, sub-chronic dermal toxicity study,
- 28-day inhalation: Directive 92/69/EEC Method B8,
- 90-day inhalation: Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B, sub-chronic inhalation toxicity study.

5.4. **Genotoxicity testing**

Aim of the test

These studies are of value in:

- the prediction of genotoxic potential
- the early identification of genotoxic carcinogens
- the elucidation of the mechanism of action of some carcinogens

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To avoid responses that are artifacts of the test system, excessively toxic doses must not be used in either *in vitro* or *in vivo* assays for mutagenicity. This approach should be regarded as general guidance. It is important that a flexible approach is adopted, with selection of further tests being dependant upon interpretation of results at each stage.

5.4.1. *In vitro studies*

Circumstances in which required

In vitro mutagenicity tests (bacterial assay for gene mutation, test for clastogenicity in mammalian cells and test for gene mutation in mammalian cells) must always be performed.

Test guidelines

Acceptable test guidelines are:

Directive 92/69/EEC Method B14 — *Salmonella Typhimurium* reverse mutation assay

Directive 92/69/EEC Method B10 — *in vitro* mammalian cytogenetic test

Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B — *in vitro* mammalian cell gene mutation test

5.4.2. *In vivo studies in somatic cells*

Circumstances in which required

If all the results of the *in vitro* studies are negative further resting must be done with consideration of other relevant information available (including toxicokinetic, toxicodynamic and physico-chemical data and data on analogous substances). The test can be an *in vivo* study or an *in vitro* study using a different metabolizing system from that/those previously used.

If the *in vitro* cytogenetic test is positive, an *in vivo* test using somatic cells (metaphase analysis in rodent bone marrow or micronucleus test in rodents) must be conducted.

If either of the *in vitro* gene mutation tests are positive, an *in vivo* test to investigate unscheduled DNA synthesis or a mouse spot test must be conducted.

Test guidelines

Acceptable test guidelines are:

Directive 92/69/EEC Method B12 — Micronucleus test,

Directive 87/302/EEC Part B — Mouse spot test,

Directive 92/69/EEC Method B11 — *In vivo* Mammalian Bone-Marrow cytogenetic test, Chromosomal analysis.

5.4.3. *In vivo studies in germ cells*

Circumstances in which required

When any result of an *in vivo* study in somatic cells is positive, *in vivo* testing for germ cell effects may be justified. The necessity for conducting these tests will have to be considered on a case by case basis, taking into account information regarding toxicokinetics, use and anticipated exposure. Suitable tests would need to examine interaction with DNA (such as the dominant lethal assay), to look at the potential for inherited effects and possibly make a quantitative assessment of heritable effects. It is recognized that in view of their complexity, the use of quantitative studies would require strong justification.

5.5. **Long term toxicity and carcinogenicity**

Aim of the test

The long-term studies conducted and reported, taken together with other relevant data and information on the active substance, must be sufficient to permit the identification of effects, following repeated

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exposure to the active substance, and in particular must be sufficient to:

- identify adverse effects resulting from exposure to the active substance,
- identify target organs, where relevant,
- establish the dose-response relationship,
- identify changes in toxic signs and manifestations observed, and
- establish the Noael.

Similarly, the carcinogenicity studies taken together with other relevant data and information on the active substance, must be sufficient to permit the hazards for humans, following repeated exposure to the active substance, to be assessed, and in particular must be sufficient:

- to identify carcinogenic effects resulting from exposure to the active substance,
- to establish the species and organ specificity of tumours induced,
- to establish the dose-response relationship, and
- for non-genotoxic carcinogens, to identify the maximum dose eliciting no adverse effect (threshold dose).

Circumstances in which required

The long-term toxicity and carcinogenicity of all active substances must be determined. If in exceptional circumstances, it is claimed that such testing is unnecessary, that claim must be fully justified, *viz.* toxicokinetic data demonstrates that absorption of the active substance does not occur from the gut, through the skin or via the pulmonary system.

Test conditions

A long-term oral toxicity and carcinogenicity study (two years) of the active substance must be conducted using the rat as test species; these studies can be combined.

A carcinogenicity study of the active substance must be conducted using the mouse as test species.

Where a non-genotoxic mechanism for carcinogenicity is suggested, a well argued case, supported with relevant experimental data, including that necessary to elucidate the possible mechanism involved, must be provided.

While the standard reference points for treatment responses are concurrent control data, historical control data, may be helpful in the interpretation of particular carcinogenicity studies. Where submitted, historical control data should be from the same species and strain, maintained under similar conditions and should be from contemporaneous studies. The information on historical control data provided must include:

- identification of species and strain, name of the supplier, and specific colony identification, if the supplier has more than one geographical location,
- name of the laboratory and the dates when the study was performed,
- description of the general conditions under which animals were maintained, including the type or brand of diet and, where possible, the amount consumed,
- approximate age, in days, of the control animals at the beginning of the study and at the time of killing or death,
- description of the control group mortality pattern observed during or at the end of the study, and other pertinent observations (e.g. diseases, infections),
- name of the laboratory and the examining scientists responsible for gathering and interpreting the pathological data from the study, and
- a statement of the nature of the tumours that may have been combined to produce any of the incidence data.

The doses tested, including the highest dose tested, must be selected on the basis of the results of short-term testing and where available at the time of planning the studies concerned, on the basis of metabolism and toxicokinetic data. The highest dose level in the carcinogenicity study should elicit signs of minimal toxicity such as slight depression in body-weight gain (less than 10 %), without

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causing tissue necrosis or metabolic saturation and without substantially altering normal lifespan due to effects other than tumours. If the long-term toxicity study is carried out separately, the highest dose level should elicit definite signs of toxicity without causing excessive lethality. Higher doses, causing excessive toxicity are not considered relevant to evaluations to be made.

In the collection of data and compilation of reports, incidence of benign and malignant tumours must not be combined, unless there is clear evidence of benign tumours becoming malignant with time. Similarly, dissimilar, un-associated tumours, whether benign or malignant, occurring in the same organ, must not be combined, for reporting purposes. In the interests of avoiding confusion, terminology such as that developed by American Society of Toxicologic Pathologists⁽¹⁾, or the Hannover Tumour Registry (RENI) should be used in the nomenclature and reporting of tumours. The system used must be identified.

It is essential that biological material selected for histopathological examination includes material selected to provide further information on lesions identified during gross pathological examination. Where relevant to the elucidation of mechanism of action and available, special histological (staining) techniques, histochemical techniques and electron microscopic examinations, must be conducted and reported.

Test guideline

The studies must be carried out in accordance with Directive 87/302/EEC, part B, Chronic toxicity test, Carcinogenicity test or combined chronic toxicity/carcinogenicity test.

5.6. Reproductive toxicity

Adverse reproductive effects are of two main types:

- impairment of male or female fertility, and
- impacts on the normal development of progeny (developmental toxicity).

Possible effects on all aspects of reproductive physiology in both males and females, as well as possible effects on pre-natal and post-natal development, must be investigated and reported. If in exceptional circumstances, it is claimed that such testing is unnecessary, that claim must be fully justified.

While the standard reference point for treatment responses are concurrent control data, historical control data may be helpful in the interpretation of particular reproductive studies. Where submitted, historical control data should be from the same species and strain, maintained under similar conditions and should be from contemporaneous studies. The information on historical control data provided must include:

- identification of species and strain, name of the supplier, and specific colony identification, if the supplier has more than one geographical location,
- name of the laboratory and the dates when the study was performed,
- description of the general conditions under which animals were maintained, including the type or brand of diet and, where possible, the amount consumed,
- approximate age, in days, of the control animals at the beginning of the study and at the time of killing or death,
- description of the control group mortality pattern observed during or at the end of the study, and other pertinent observations (e.g. diseases, infections), and
- name of the laboratory and the examining scientist responsible for gathering and interpreting the toxicological data from the study.

⁽¹⁾ *Standardized System of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria — Guides for Toxicologic Pathology*

▼ **M4**5.6.1. *Multi-generation studies*

Aim of the test

The studies reported, taken together with other relevant data and information on the active substance, must be sufficient to permit the identification of effects for reproduction, following repeated exposure to the active substance, and in particular must be sufficient:

- to identify direct and indirect effects on reproduction resulting from exposure to the active substance,
- to identify any enhancement of general toxic effects (noted during short-term and chronic toxicity testing),
- to establish the dose-response relationship, to identify changes in toxic signs and manifestations observed, and
- to establish the Noael.

Circumstances in which required

A reproduction toxicity study in rats over at least two generations must always be reported.

Test guideline

The tests must be carried out in accordance with Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B, two-generation reproduction toxicity test. In addition organ weight of reproductive organs must be reported.

Supplementary studies

Where necessary for a better interpretation of the effects on reproduction and as far as this information is not yet available it could be necessary to perform supplementary studies in order to provide the following information:

- separate male and female studies,
- three segment designs,
- dominant lethal assay for male fertility,
- cross-matings of treated males with untreated females and vice versa,
- effects on spermatogenesis,
- effects on oogenesis,
- sperm motility, mobility and morphology, and
- investigation of hormonal activity.

5.6.2. *Developmental toxicity studies*

Aim of the test

The studies reported, taken together with other relevant data and information on the active substance, must be sufficient to permit effects on embryonic and foetal development, following repeated exposure to the active substance, to be assessed, and in particular must be sufficient:

- to identify direct and indirect effects on embryonic and foetal development resulting from exposure to the active substance,
- to identify any maternal toxicity,
- to establish the relationship between observed responses and dose in both dam and offspring,
- to identify changes in toxic signs and manifestations observed, and
- to establish the Noael.

Furthermore, the tests will give additional information on any enhancement of general toxic effects of pregnant animals.

Circumstances in which required

The tests must always be carried out.

Test conditions

Developmental toxicity must be determined both to rat and rabbit by the oral route. Malformations and variations should be reported separately. A glossary of terminology and diagnostic principles for malformations and variations must be given in the report.

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The tests must be carried out in accordance with Directive 87/302/EEC, Part B, teratogenicity test — rodent and non-rodent.

5.7. Delayed neurotoxicity studies**Aim of the test**

The test shall provide sufficient data to evaluate if the active substance could provoke delayed neurotoxicity after acute exposure.

Circumstances in which required

These studies have to be performed for substances of similar or related structures to those capable of inducing delayed neurotoxicity such as organophosphates.

Test guidelines

The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Guideline 418.

5.8. Other toxicological studies**5.8.1. Toxicity studies of metabolites as referred to in the introduction point (vii)**

Supplementary studies, where they relate to substances other than the active substance, are not a routine requirement.

Decisions as to the need for supplementary studies must be made on a case by case basis.

5.8.2. Supplementary studies on the active substance

In certain cases it can be necessary to carry out supplementary studies to further clarify observed effects. These studies could include:

- studies on absorption, distribution, excretion and metabolism,
- studies on the neurotoxic potential,
- studies on the immunotoxicological potential,
- studies on other routes of administration.

Decisions as to the need for supplementary studies must be made on a case by case basis, taking into account the results of the available toxicological and metabolism studies and the most important exposure routes.

Studies required must be designed on an individual basis, in the light of the particular parameters to be investigated and the objectives to be achieved.

5.9. Medical data

Where available, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 5 of Council Directive 80/1107/EEC of 27 November 1980 on the protection of workers from the risks related to chemical, physical and biological agents at work⁽¹⁾, practical data and information relevant to the recognition of the symptoms of poisoning, and on the effectiveness of first aid and therapeutic measures have to be submitted. More specific references to the investigation for antidotal pharmacology or safety pharmacology using animals should be provided. Where relevant, the effectiveness of potential antagonists to poisoning, should be investigated and reported.

Data and information relevant to the effects of human exposure, where available and of the necessary quality, are of particular value, in confirming the validity of extrapolations made and conclusions reached with respect to target organs, dose-response relationships, and the reversibility of toxic effects. Such data can be generated following accidental or occupational exposure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 327, 3. 12. 1980, p. 8.

▼ **M4**5.9.1. *Medicinal surveillance on manufacturing plant personnel*

Reports of occupational health surveillance programmes, supported with detailed information on the design of the programme, on exposure to the active substance and exposure to other chemicals, must be submitted. Such reports should, where feasible, include data relevant to the mechanism of action of the active substance. These reports shall, where available, include data from persons exposed in manufacturing plants or after application of the active substance (e.g.: in efficacy trials).

Available information on the sensitization including allergenic response of workers and others exposed to the active substance, must be provided, and include where relevant details of any incidence of hypersensitivity. The information provided should include details of frequency, level and duration of exposure, symptoms observed and other relevant clinical information.

5.9.2. *Direct observation, e.g.: clinical cases and poisoning incidents*

Available reports from the open literature, relating to clinical cases and poisoning incidents, where they are from refereed journals or official reports, must be submitted together with reports of any follow-up studies undertaken. Such reports should contain complete descriptions of the nature, level and duration of exposure, as well as the clinical symptoms observed, first aid and therapeutic measures applied and measurements and observations made. Summary and abstract information is not of value.

Where supported with the necessary level of detail, such documentation can be of particular value in confirming the validity of extrapolations from animal data to man and in identifying unexpected adverse effects which are specific to humans.

5.9.3. *Observations on exposure of the general population and epidemiological studies if appropriate*

Where available, and supported with data on levels and duration of exposure, and conducted in accordance with recognized standards⁽¹⁾, epidemiological studies are of particular value and must be submitted.

5.9.4. *Diagnosis of poisoning (determination of active substance, metabolites), specific signs of poisoning, clinical tests*

A detailed description of the clinical signs and symptoms of poisoning, including the early signs and symptoms and full details of clinical tests useful for diagnostic purposes, where available, must be provided and include full details of the time courses involved relevant to the ingestion, dermal exposure or inhalation of varying amounts of the active substance.

5.9.5. *Proposed treatment: first aid measures, antidotes, medical treatment*

The first aid measures to be used in the event of poisoning (actual and suspected) and in the event of contamination of eyes must be provided.

Therapeutic regimes for use in the event of poisoning or contamination of eyes, including where available the use of antidotes, must be described in full. Information based on practical experience, where it exists and is available, in other cases on theoretical grounds, as to the effectiveness of alternative treatment regimes, where relevant, must be provided. Contraindications associated with particular regimes, particularly those relating to 'general medical problems' and conditions, must be described.

5.9.6. *Expected effects of poisoning*

Where known, the expected effects and the duration of these effects following poisoning must be described and include the impact of:

— the type, level and duration of exposure, or ingestion, and

⁽¹⁾ *Guidelines for Good Epidemiology Practices for Occupational and Environmental Research, developed by the Chemical Manufacturers Association's Epidemiology Task Group, as part of the Epidemiology Resource and Information Centre (ERIC), Pilot Project, 1991*

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- varying time periods between exposure, or ingestion, and commencement of treatment.

5.10. **Summary of mammalian toxicity and overall evaluation**

A summary of all data and information provided under paragraphs 5.1 through 5.10, must be submitted, and include a detailed and critical assessment of those data in the context of relevant evaluative and decision making criteria and guidelines, with particular reference to the risks for man and animals that may or do arise, and the extent, quality and reliability of the data base.

Where relevant, in the light of findings with respect to the analytical profile of batches of the active substance (paragraph 1.11) and any bridging studies conducted (paragraphs 5 (iv)), the relevance of the data as submitted to the assessment of the toxicological profile of the active substance as manufactured, must be argued.

On the basis of an assessment of the data base, and the relevant decision making criteria and guidelines, justifications must be submitted for the Noaels proposed for each relevant study.

On the basis of these data scientifically reasoned proposals for the establishment of ADI and AOEL(s) for the active substance must be submitted.

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6. Residues in or on treated products, food and feed

Introduction

- (i) The information provided, taken together with that provided for one or more preparations containing the active substance, must be sufficient to permit an evaluation to be made as to the risks for man, arising from residues of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products remaining in food. In addition, the information provided must be sufficient to:
 - permit a decision to be made as to whether, or not, the active substance can be included in Annex I,
 - specify appropriate conditions or restrictions to be associated with any inclusion in Annex I.
- (ii) A detailed description (specification) of the material used, as provided under Section 1, point 11 must be provided.
- (iii) Studies should be performed according to the guidance available on regulatory testing procedures for residues of plant protection products in food⁽¹⁾.
- (iv) Where relevant, data should be analyzed using appropriate statistical methods. Full details of the statistical analysis should be reported.
- (v) Stability of residues during storage.

If may be necessary to perform studies on the stability of residues during storage. Provided samples are frozen within generally 24 hours after sampling and unless a compound is otherwise known to be volatile or labile, data are not normally required for samples extracted and analysed within 30 days from sampling (six months in the case of radio-labelled material).

Studies with non-radio-labelled substances should be carried out with representative substrates and preferably on samples from treated crops or animals with incurred residues. Alternatively, if this is not possible, aliquots of prepared control samples should be spiked with a known amount of chemical before storage under normal storage conditions.

Where the degradation during storage is significant (more than 30 %) it may be necessary to change the storage conditions or not to store the samples prior to analysis and repeat studies where the unsatisfactory storage conditions were used.

Detailed information with respect to the sample preparation and storage conditions (temperature and duration) of samples and extracts must be submitted. Storage stability data using sample

⁽¹⁾ Guidance under development.

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extracts will also be required unless samples are analysed within 24 hours of extraction.

6.1. Metabolism, distribution and expression of residue in plants*Aim of the tests*

The objectives of these studies are:

- to provide an estimate of total terminal residues in the relevant portion of crops at harvest following treatment as proposed,
- to identify the major components of the total terminal residue,
- to indicate the distribution of residues between relevant crops parts,
- to quantify the major components of the residue and to establish the efficiency of extraction procedures for these components,
- to decide on the definition and expression of a residue.

Circumstances in which required

These studies must always be performed unless it can be justified that no residues will remain on plants/plant products which are used as food or feedingstuffs.

Test conditions

Metabolism studies have to involve crops or categories of crops in which plant protection products containing the active substance in question would be used. If a wide range of uses in different crop categories or in the category fruits is envisaged, studies have to be carried out on at least three crops unless it can be justified that a different metabolism is unlikely to occur. In cases where use is envisaged in different categories of crops, the studies must be representative for the relevant categories. For this purpose crops can be considered as falling into one of five categories: root vegetables, leafy crops, fruits, pulses and oilseeds, cereals. If studies are available for crops from three of these categories and the results indicate that the route of degradation is similar in all three categories then it is unlikely that any more studies will be needed unless it could be expected that a different metabolism will occur. The metabolism studies have also to take into account the different properties of the active substance and the intended method of application.

An evaluation of the results from different studies has to be submitted on the point and path of uptake (e.g. via leaves or roots), and on the distribution of residues between relevant parts of the crop at harvest (with particular emphasis on edible parts for man or animals). If the active substance or relevant metabolites are not taken up by the crop, this must be explained. Information on the mode of action and the physico-chemical properties of the active substance may be helpful in assessing trial data.

6.2. Metabolism, distribution and expression of residue in livestock*Aim of tests*

The objectives of these studies are:

- to identify the major components of the total terminal residue in edible animal products,
- to quantify the rate of degradation and excretion of the total residue in certain animal products (milk or eggs) and excreta,
- to indicate the distribution of residues between relevant edible animal products,
- to quantify the major components of the residue and to show the efficiency of extraction procedures for these components,
- to generate data from which a decision on the need for livestock feeding studies as provided for in point 6.4 can be made,
- to decide on the definition and expression of a residue.

Circumstances in which required

Metabolism studies on animals, such as lactating ruminants (e.g. goat or cow) or laying poultry, are only required when pesticide use may lead to significant residues in livestock feed ($\geq 0,1$ mg/kg of the total diet as received, except special cases e.g. active substances which

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accumulate). Where it becomes apparent that metabolic pathways differ significantly in the rat as compared to ruminants a pig study must be conducted unless the expected intake by pigs is not significant.

6.3. **Residue trials***Aim of the tests*

The objectives of these studies are:

- to quantify the highest likely residue levels in treated crops at harvest or outloading from store following the proposed good agricultural practice (GAP),
- and
- to determine, when appropriate, the rate of decline of plant protection product deposits.

Circumstances in which required

These studies must always be performed where the plant protection product will be applied to plants/plant products which are used as food or feedingstuffs or where residues from soil or other substrates can be taken up by such plants except where extrapolation from adequate data on another crop is possible.

Residue trial data shall be submitted in the Annex II dossier for those uses of plant protection products for which authorization is sought at the moment of introduction of a dossier for inclusion of the active substance in Annex I.

Test conditions

Supervised trials should correspond to proposed critical GAP. The test conditions must take into account the highest residues which may reasonably arise (e.g. maximum number of proposed applications, use of the maximum envisaged quantity, shortest pre-harvest intervals, withholding periods or storage periods) but which remain representative of the realistic worst case conditions in which the active substance would be used.

Sufficient data must be generated and submitted to confirm that patterns determined hold for the regions and the range of conditions, likely to be encountered in the regions concerned for which its use is to be recommended.

When establishing a supervised trial programme, normally factors such as climatic differences existing between production areas, differences in production methods (e.g. outdoor versus glasshouse uses), seasons of production, type of formulations, etc. should be taken into account.

In general, for a comparable set of conditions, trials should be carried out over a minimum of two growing seasons. All exceptions should be fully justified.

The precise number of trials necessary is difficult to determine in advance of a preliminary evaluation of the trial results. Minimum data requirements only apply where comparability can be established between production areas, e.g. concerning climate, methods and growing seasons of production, etc. Assuming all other variables (climate, etc.) are comparable, a minimum of eight trials representative of the proposed growing area is required for major crops. For minor crops normally four trials representative of the proposed growing area are required.

Due to the inherently higher level of homogeneity in residues arising from post-harvest treatments or protected crops, trials from one growing season will be acceptable. For post-harvest treatments, in principle a minimum of four trials are required, carried out preferably at different locations with different cultivars. A set of trials has to be carried out for each application method and store type unless the worst case residue situation can be clearly identified.

The number of studies per growing season to be performed can be reduced if it can be justified that the residue levels in plants/plant products will be lower than the limit of determination.

Where a significant part of the consumable crop is present at the time of application, half of the supervised residue trials reported should

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include data to show the effect of time on the level of residue present (residue decline studies) unless it can be justified that the consumable crop is not affected by the application of the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use.

6.4. Livestock feeding studies*Aim of the tests*

The objective of these studies is to determine the residue in products of animal origin which will result from residues in feedingstuffs or fodder crops.

Circumstances in which required

Feeding studies are only required:

- when significant residues ($\geq 0,1$ mg/kg of the total diet as received, except special cases, such as active substances which accumulate) occur in crops or part of the crop (e.g. trimmings, waste) fed to animals, and
- when metabolism studies indicate that significant residues (0,01 mg/kg or above the limit of determination if this would be higher than 0,01 mg/kg) may occur in any edible animal tissue taking into account the residue levels in potential feedingstuffs obtained at the $1 \times$ dose rate.

Where appropriate separate feeding studies for lactating ruminant and/or laying poultry should be submitted. Where it appears from the metabolism studies submitted in accordance with the provisions of point 6.2 that metabolic pathways differ significantly in the pig as compared to ruminants, a pig feeding study must be conducted unless the expected intake by pigs is not significant.

Test conditions

In general, the feed is administered in three dosages (expected residue level, three to five times, and 10 times the expected residue level). When setting the $1 \times$ dose, a theoretical feed ration must be compiled.

6.5. Effects of industrial processing and/or household preparations*Circumstances in which required*

The decision as to whether it is necessary to carry out processing studies will depend on:

- the importance of a processed product in the human or animal diet,
- the level of residue in the plant or plant product to be processed,
- the physico-chemical properties of the active substance or relevant metabolites, and
- the possibility that degradation products of toxicological significance may be found after processing of the plant or plant product.

Processing studies are not normally necessary if no significant or no analytically determinable residues occur in the plant or plant product which would be processed, or if the total theoretical maximum daily intake (TMDI) is less than 10 % of the ADI. In addition, processing studies are not normally required for plants or plant products mostly eaten raw except for those with inedible portions such as citrus, banana or kiwi fruit where data on the distribution of the residue in peel/pulp may be required.

'Significant residues' generally refer to residues above 0,1 mg/kg. If the pesticide concerned has a high acute toxicity and/or a low ADI, consideration must be given to conducting processing studies for determinable residues below 0,1 mg/kg.

Studies on the effects on the nature of the residue are not normally required where only simple physical operations, not involving a change in temperature of the plant or the plant product, are involved such as washing, trimming or pressing.

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The objective of these studies is to establish whether or not breakdown or reaction products arise from residues in the raw products during processing which may require a separate risk assessment.

Test conditions

Depending upon the level and chemical nature of the residue in the raw commodity, a set of representative hydrolysis situations (simulating the relevant processing operations) should be investigated, where appropriate. The effects of process other than hydrolysis, may also have to be investigated, where the properties of the active substance or metabolites indicate that toxicologically significant degradation products may occur as a result of these processes. The studies are normally conducted with a radio-labelled form of the active substance.

6.5.2. *Effects on the residue levels**Aim of the tests*

The main objectives of these studies are:

- to determine the quantitative distribution of residues in the various intermediate and end products, and to estimate transfer factors,
- to enable a more realistic estimate to be made of dietary intake of residues.

Test conditions

Processing studies should represent household processing and/or actual industrial processes.

In the first instance it is usually only necessary to carry out a core set of 'balance studies' representative of the common processes relevant to the plants or plant products containing significant residues. Justification should be given for the selection made of these representative process(es). The technology to be used in processing studies should always correspond as closely as possible to the actual conditions that are normally used in practice. A balance sheet should be made in which the mass balance of residues in all intermediate and end products is investigated. In drawing up such a balance sheet any concentrations or reductions in residues in individual products can be recognized and the corresponding transfer factors can also be determined.

If the processed plant products play an important part in the diet, and if the 'balance study' indicates that a significant transfer of residue into the processed products could occur, then three 'follow-up studies' to determine residue concentration or dilution factors must be carried out.

6.6. **Residues in succeeding crops***Aim of the test*

The objective of these studies is to permit an evaluation of possible residues in succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Where data generated in accordance with Annex II, Section 7, point 7.1 or Annex III, Section 9, point 9.1, shows that significant residues (> 10 % of the applied active substance as a total of unchanged active substance and its relevant metabolites or degradation products) remain in soil or in plant materials, such as straw or organic material up to sowing or planting time of possible succeeding crops, and which could lead to residues above the limit of determination in succeeding crops at harvest, consideration should be given to the residue situation. This should include consideration of the nature of the residue in the succeeding crops and involve at least a theoretical estimation of the level of these residues. If the likelihood of residues in succeeding crops can not be excluded, metabolism and distribution studies should be carried out, if necessary followed by field trials.

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If a theoretical estimation of residues in succeeding crops is done, full details and a justification shall be given.

Metabolism and distribution studies and field trials, if necessary, shall be carried out on representative crops chosen to represent normal agricultural practice.

- 6.7. **Proposed maximum residue levels (MRLs) and residue definition**
- A full justification for the proposed MRLs must be provided, including, where relevant, full details of the statistical analysis used.
- When judging which compounds are to be included in the residue definition, account has to be taken of the toxicological significance of the compounds, amounts likely to be present and the practicality of the analytical methods proposed for post-registration control and monitoring purposes.
- 6.8. **Proposed pre-harvest intervals for envisaged uses, or withholding periods or storage periods, in the case of post-harvest uses**
- A full justification for the proposals must be provided.
- 6.9. **Estimation of the potential and actual exposure through diet and other means**
- Consideration will be given to the calculation of a realistic prediction of dietary intake. This may be done in a step-wise fashion leading to an increasingly realistic predictions of intake. Where relevant, other sources of exposure such as residues arising from the use of medicines or veterinary drugs have to be taken into account.
- 6.10. **Summary and evaluation of residue behaviour**
- A summary and evaluation of all data presented in this Section should be carried out according to the guidance given by the competent authorities of the Member States concerning the format of such summaries and evaluations. It should include a detailed and critical assessment of those data in the context of relevant evaluative and decision-making criteria and guidelines, with particular reference to the risks for man and animals that may or do arise, and the extent, quality and reliability of the data base.
- In particular, the toxicological significance of any non-mammalian metabolites must be addressed.
- A schematic diagram should be prepared of the metabolic pathway in plants and animals with a brief explanation of the distribution and chemical changes involved.

▼ M6**7. Fate and behaviour in the environment****Introduction**

- (i) The information provided, taken together with that for one or more preparations containing the active substance, must be sufficient to permit an assessment of the fate and behaviour of the active substance in the environment, and of the non-target species likely to be at risk from exposure to the active substance, its metabolites, degradation and reaction products, where they are of toxicological or environmental significance.
- (ii) In particular, the information provided for the active substance, together with other relevant information, and that provided for one or more preparations containing it, should be sufficient to:
- decide whether, or not, the active substance can be included in Annex I,
 - specify appropriate conditions or restrictions to be associated with any inclusion in Annex I,
 - classify the active substance as to hazard;
 - specify the hazard symbols, the indications of danger, and relevant risk and safety phrases for the protection of the environment, which are to be included on packaging (containers),

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- predict the distribution, fate, and behaviour in the environment of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products as well as the times courses involved,
 - identify non-target species and populations for which hazards arise because of potential exposure, and
 - identify measures necessary to minimize contamination of the environment and impact on non-target species.
- (iii) A detailed description (specification) of the material used, as provided for under Section 1, point 11 must be provided. Where testing is done using active substance the material used should be of that specification that will be used in the manufacture of preparations to be authorized except where radio-labelled material is used.
- Where studies are conducted using active substance produced in the laboratory or in a pilot plant production system, the studies must be repeated using active substance as manufactured, unless it can be justified that the test material used is essentially the same for the purposes of environmental testing and assessment.
- (iv) Where radio-labelled test material is used, radio-labels should be positioned at sites (one or more as necessary), to facilitate elucidation of metabolic and degradative pathways and to facilitate investigation of the distribution of the active substance and of its metabolite, reaction and degradation products in the environment.
- (v) It may be necessary to conduct separate studies for metabolites, degradation or reaction products, where these products can constitute a relevant risk to non-target organisms or to the quality of water, soil and air and where their effects cannot be evaluated by the available results relating to the active substance. Before such studies are performed the information from the Sections 5 and 6 has to be taken into account.
- (vi) Where relevant, tests should be designed and data analysed using appropriate statistical methods.

Full details of the statistical analysis should be reported (e.g. all point estimates should be given with confidence intervals, exact p-values should be given rather than stating significant/non significant).

7.1. Fate and behaviour in soil

All relevant information on the type and the properties of the soil used in the studies, including pH, organic carbon content, cation exchange capacity, particle size distribution and water holding capacity, particle size distribution and water holding capacity at pF = 0 and pF = 2,5 has to be reported in accordance with relevant ISO or other international standards.

The microbial biomass of soils used for laboratory degradation studies must be determined just prior to the commencement and at the end of the study.

It is recommended to use as much as possible the same soils throughout all laboratory soil studies.

The soils used for degradation or mobility studies must be selected such that they are representative of the range of soils typical of the various Community regions where use exists or is anticipated, and be such that:

- they cover a range of organic carbon content, particle size distribution and pH values; and
- where on the basis of other information, degradation or mobility are expected to be pH dependent (e.g. solubility and hydrolysis rate — paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8), they cover the following pH ranges:
 - 4,5 to 5,5
 - 6 to 7, and
 - 8 (approximately).

Soils used must, wherever possible, be freshly sampled. If use of stored soils is unavoidable, storage should be properly carried out for a limited time under defined and reported conditions. Soils stored for longer periods of time can only be used for adsorption/desorption studies.

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The soil chosen to begin studying should not have extreme characteristics with respect to parameters such as particle size distribution, organic carbon content and pH.

Soils should be collected and handled in accordance with ISO 10381-6 (*Soil quality — Sampling — Guidance on the collection, handling and storage of soil for the assessment of microbial processes in the laboratory*). Any deviations must be reported and justified.

Field studies should be carried out in conditions as close to normal agricultural practice as possible on a range of soil types and climatic conditions representative of the area(s) of use. Weather conditions shall be reported in cases where field studies are conducted.

7.1.1. *Route and rate of degradation*

7.1.1.1. Route of degradation

Aim of the tests

The data and information provided, together with other relevant data and information, should be sufficient to:

- identify, where feasible, the relative importance of the types of process involved (balance between chemical and biological degradation),
- identify the individual components present which at any time account for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added, including, where feasible, non-extractable residues,
- identify where possible also individual components present which account for less than 10 % of the amount of active substance added,
- establish the relative proportions of the components present (mass balance), and
- permit the soil residue of concern and to which non-target species are or may be exposed, to be defined.

Where a reference is made to non-extractable residues these are defined as chemical species originating from pesticides used according to good agricultural practice that cannot be extracted by methods which do not significantly change the chemical nature of these residues. These non-extractable residues are not considered to include fragments through metabolic pathways leading to natural products.

7.1.1.1.1. Aerobic degradation

Circumstances in which required

The degradation pathway or pathways must always be reported except where the nature and manner of use of preparations containing the active substance, preclude soil contamination such as uses on stored products or wound healing treatments for trees.

Test conditions

The degradation pathway or pathways must be reported for one soil.

Results obtained must be presented in the form of schematic drawings showing the pathways involved, and in the form of balance sheets which show the distribution of radio-label as a function of time, as between:

- active substance,
- CO₂,
- volatile compounds other than CO₂,
- individual identified transformation products,
- extractable substances not identified, and
- non-extractable residues in soil.

The investigation of degradation pathways must include all feasible steps to characterise and quantify non-extractable residues formed after 100 days when exceeding 70 % of the applied dose of the active substance. The techniques and methodologies applied are best selected on a case-by-case basis. A justification must be provided where the compounds involved are not characterized.

The duration of the study is normally 120 days, except where after a shorter period the levels of non-extractable residues and CO₂ are such that they can be extrapolated in a reliable way to 100 days.

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Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides⁽¹⁾.

7.1.1.1.2. Supplementary studies

— Anaerobic degradation

Circumstances in which required

An anaerobic degradation study must be reported unless it can be justified that exposure of the plant protection products containing the active substance to anaerobic conditions is unlikely to occur.

Test conditions and test guideline

The same provisions as provided for under the corresponding paragraph of point 7.1.1.1.1 apply.

— Soil photolysis

Circumstances in which required

A soil photolysis study must be reported unless it can be justified that deposition of the active substance at the soil surface is unlikely to occur.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the Environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.1.1.2. Rate of degradation

7.1.1.2.1. Laboratory studies

Aim of the tests

The soil degradation studies should provide best possible estimates of the time taken for degradation of 50 % and 90 % (DT_{50lab} and DT_{90lab}), of the active substance, and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products under laboratory conditions.

— Aerobic degradation

Circumstances in which required

The rate of degradation in soil must always be reported, except where the nature and manner of use of plant protection products containing the active substance preclude soil contamination such as uses on stored products or wound healing treatments for trees.

Test conditions

The rate of aerobic degradation of the active substance in three soil types additional to that referred to in paragraph 7.1.1.1.1. must be reported.

In order to investigate the influence of temperature on degradation, one additional study at 10 °C has to be performed on one of the soils used for the investigation of degradation at 20 °C until a validated Community calculation model for the extrapolation of degradation rates at low temperatures is available.

The duration of the study is normally 120 days except if more than 90 % of the active substance is degraded before that period expires.

Similar studies for three soil types must be reported for all relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products which occur in soil and which at any time during the studies account for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added, except where their DT_{50} values were able to be determined from the results of the degradation studies with the active substance.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

— Anaerobic degradation

Circumstances in which required

The rate of anaerobic degradation of the active substance must be reported where an anaerobic study has to be performed according to point 7.1.1.1.2.

Test conditions

⁽¹⁾ Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), 1995. Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides, ISBN 90-5607-002-9.

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The rate of anaerobic degradation of the active substance must be carried out in the soil used in the anaerobic study performed according to point 7.1.1.1.2.

The duration of the study is normally 120 days except if more than 90 % of the active substance is degraded before that period expires.

Similar studies for one soil must be reported for all relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products which occur in soil and which at any time during the studies account for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added, except where their DT_{50} values were able to be determined from the results of the degradation studies with the active substance.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.1.1.2.2. Field studies

— Soil dissipation studies

Aim of the test

The soil dissipation studies should provide estimates of the time taken for dissipation of 50 % and 90 % (DT_{50f} and DT_{90f}), of the active substance under field conditions. Where relevant, information on relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products must be reported.

Circumstances in which required

The tests have to be conducted in those conditions where DT_{50lab} determined at 20 °C and at a moisture content of the soil related to a pF value of 2 to 2,5 (suction pressure) is greater than 60 days.

Where plant protection products containing the active substance are intended to be used in cold climatic conditions, the tests have to be conducted where DT_{50lab} determined at 10 °C and at a moisture content of the soil related to a pF value of 2 to 2,5 (suction pressure) is greater than 90 days.

Test conditions

Individual studies on a range of representative soils (normally four different types) must be continued until > 90 % of the amount applied have dissipated. The maximum duration of the studies is 24 months.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

— Soil residue studies

Aim of the test

Soil residue studies should provide estimates of the soil residue levels at harvest or at time of cowing or planting succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Soil residue studies must be reported where DT_{50lab} is greater than one-third of the period between the application and harvest and where absorption by the succeeding crop is possible, except where soil residues at sowing or planting of a succeeding crop can be reliably estimated from the data of the soil dissipation studies or where it can be justified that these residues can not be phytotoxic to or leave unacceptable residues in rotational crops.

Test conditions

Individual studies must be continued until harvest or time of sowing or planting succeeding crops, unless > 90 % of the amount applied have dissipated.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

— Soil accumulation studies

Aim of the tests

The tests should provide sufficient data to evaluate the possibility of accumulation of residues of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

Circumstances in which required

Where on the basis of soil dissipation studies it is established that $DT_{90f} > \text{one year}$ and where repeated application is envisaged, whether in the same growing season or in succeeding years, the possibility of accumulation of residues in soil and the level at

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which a plateau concentration is achieved must be investigated except where reliable information can be provided by a model calculation or another appropriate assessment.

Test conditions

Long term field studies must be done on two relevant soils and involve multiple applications.

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of study to be performed.

7.1.2. *Adsorption and desorption*

Aim of the test

The data and information provided, together with other relevant data and information, should be sufficient to establish the absorption coefficient of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

Circumstances in which required

The studies must always be reported except where the nature and manner of use of preparations containing the active substance, preclude soil contamination such as uses on stored products or wound healing trees.

Test conditions

Studies on the active substance must be reported for four soil types.

Similar studies, for at least three soil types, must be reported for all relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products which in soil degradation studies account at any time for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added.

Test guideline

OECD method 106

7.1.3. *Mobility in the soil*

7.1.3.1. Column leaching studies

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the mobility and leaching potential of the active substance and if possible of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

Circumstances in which required

Studies in four soils must be carried out where in the absorption and desorption studies provided for under point 7.1.2 it is not possible to obtain reliable absorption coefficient values.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.1.3.2. Aged residue column leaching

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to estimate the mobility and leaching potential of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

Circumstances in which required

The studies must be performed except:

- where the nature and manner of use of preparations containing the active substance, preclude soil contamination such as uses on stored products or wound healing treatments for trees, or
- where a separate study for the metabolite, degradation or reaction product in accordance to point 7.1.2 or 7.1.3.1 was performed.

Test conditions

The period(s) of ageing should be determined from inspection of the degradation patterns of active substance and metabolites to ensure that a relevant spectrum of metabolites is present at the time of leaching.

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Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.1.3.3. Lysimeter studies or field leaching studies

Aim of the tests

The test should provide data on:

- the mobility in soil,
- the potential for leaching to ground water,
- The potential distribution in soil.

Circumstances in which required

Expert judgement will be necessary to decide whether lysimeter studies or field leaching studies should be carried out, taking into account the results of degradation and other mobility studies and the predicted environmental concentrations in groundwater (PEC_{GW}), calculated in accordance with the provisions of Annex III, Section 9. The type and conditions of the study to be conducted should be discussed with the competent authorities.

Test conditions

Great care is necessary in design of both experimental installations and individual studies, to ensure that results obtained can be used for assessment purposes. Studies should cover the realistic worst case situation, taking into account the soil type, climatic conditions, the application rate and the frequency and period of application.

Water percolating from soil columns must be analyzed at suitable intervals, while residues in plant material must be determined at harvest. Residues in the soil profile in at least five layers must be determined on termination of experimental work. Intermediate sampling must be avoided, since removal of plants (except for harvesting according to normal agricultural practice) and soil cross influences the leaching process.

Precipitation, soil and air temperatures have to be recorded at regular intervals (at least on a weekly base).

— *Lysimeter* studies

Test conditions

The minimal depth of the lysimeters should be 100 cm; their maximal depth should be 130 cm. The soil cross must be undisturbed. Soil temperatures must be similar to those pertaining in the field. Where necessary, supplementary irrigation must be provided to ensure optimal plant growth and to ensure that the quantity of infiltration water is similar to that in the regions for which authorization is sought. When during the study the soil has to be disturbed for agricultural reasons it must not be disturbed deeper than 25 cm.

— Field leaching studies

Test conditions

Information on the groundwater table in the experimental fields must be submitted. If soil cracking is observed during the study this must be fully described.

Great attention should be given to the number and the location of water collection devices. The placement of these devices in the soil should not result in preferential flow paths.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.2. **Fate and behaviour in water and air**

Aim of the tests

The information and data provided, taken together with that provided for one or more preparations containing the active substance, and other relevant information, should be sufficient to establish, or permit estimation of:

- persistence in water systems (bottom sediment and water, including suspended particles),
- the extent to which water, sediment organisms and air are at risk,
- potential for contamination of surface water and groundwater.

▼ **M6**7.2.1. *Route and rate of degradation in aquatic systems (as far as not covered by point 2.9)*

Aim of the tests

The data and information provided, together with other relevant data and information, should be sufficient to:

- identify the relative importance of the types of processes involved (balance between chemical and biological degradation),
- where possible, identify the individual components present,
- establish the relative proportions of the components present and their distribution as between water, including suspended particles, and sediment, and
- permit the residue of concern and to which non-target species are or may be exposed, to be defined.

7.2.1.1. Hydrolytic degradation

Circumstances in which required

The test must always be performed for relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products which account at any time for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added unless sufficient information on their degradation is available from the test performed in accordance with point 2.9.1.

Test conditions and test guideline

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of point 2.9.1 apply.

7.2.1.2. Photochemical degradation

Circumstances in which required

The test must always be performed for relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products which account at any time for more than 10 % of the amount of active substance added unless sufficient information on their degradation is available from the test performed in accordance with points 2.9.2 and 2.9.3.

Test conditions and test guideline

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of points 2.9.2 and 2.9.3 apply.

7.2.1.3. Biological degradation

7.2.1.3.1. 'Ready biodegradability'

Circumstances in which required

The test must always be performed unless it is not required under the provisions of Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC for the classification of the active substance.

Test guideline

EEC method C4.

7.2.1.3.2. Water/sediment study

Circumstances in which required

The test must be reported unless it can be justified that contamination of surface water will not occur.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

7.2.1.4. Degradation in the saturated zone

Circumstances in which required

Transformation rates in the saturated zone of active substances and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products can provide useful information on the fate of these substances in the groundwater.

Test conditions

Expert judgement is required to decide whether this information is necessary. Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek

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the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of study to be performed.

7.2.2. *Route and rate of degradation in air (as far as not covered by point 2.10)*

Guidance under development.

7.3. **Definition of the residue**

In the light of the chemical composition of residues occurring in soil, water or air, resulting from use, or proposed use, of a plant protection product containing the active substance a proposal for the definition of the residue must be submitted, taking account of both the levels found and their toxicological and environmental significance.

7.4. **Monitoring data**

Available monitoring data concerning fate and behaviour of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products must be reported.

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8. **Ecotoxicological studies**

Introduction

- (i) The information provided, taken together with that for one or more preparations containing the active substance, must be sufficient to permit an assessment of the impact on non-target species (flora and fauna), likely to be at risk from exposure to the active substance, its metabolites, degradation and reaction products, where they are of environmental significance. Impact can result from single, prolonged or repeated exposure and can be reversible or irreversible.
- (ii) In particular, the information provided for the active substance, together with other relevant information, and that provided for one or more preparations containing it, should be sufficient to:
 - decide whether, or not, the active substance can be included in Annex I,
 - specify appropriate conditions or restrictions to be associated with any inclusion in Annex I,
 - permit an evaluation of short- and long-term risks for non-target species — populations, communities, and processes — as appropriate,
 - classify the active substance as to hazard,
 - specify the precautions necessary for the protection of non-target species, and
 - specify the hazard symbols, the indications of danger, and relevant risk and safety phrases for the protection of the environment, to be mentioned on packaging (containers).
- (iii) There is a need to report all potentially adverse effects found during routine ecotoxicological investigations and to undertake and report, where required by the competent authorities, such additional studies which may be necessary to investigate the probable mechanisms involved and assess the significance of these effects. All available biological data and information which is relevant to the assessment of the ecotoxicological profile of the active substance must be reported.
- (iv) The information on fate and behaviour in the environment, generated and submitted in accordance with points 7.1 to 7.4, and on residue levels in plants generated and submitted in accordance with point 6 is central to the assessment of impact on non-target species, in that together with information on the nature of the preparation and its manner of use, it defines the nature and extent of potential exposure. The toxicokinetic and toxicological studies and information submitted in accordance with points 5.1 to 5.8 provide essential information as to toxicity to vertebrate species and the mechanisms involved.
- (v) Where relevant, tests should be designed and data analysed using appropriate statistical methods. Full details of the statistical analysis should be reported (e. g. all point estimates should be given with confidence intervals, exact p-values should be given rather than stating significant/non significant).

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- (vi) A detailed description (specification) of the material used, as provided for under point 1.11 must be provided. Where testing is done using active substance the material used should be of that specification that will be used in the manufacture of preparations to be authorized except where radiolabelled material is used.
- (vii) Where studies are conducted using active substance produced in the laboratory or in a pilot plant production system, the studies must be repeated using active substance as manufactured, unless it can be justified that the test material used is essentially the same, for the purposes of ecotoxicological testing and assessment. In cases of uncertainty, appropriate bridging studies must be submitted to serve as a basis for a decision as to the possible need for repetition of the studies.
- (viii) In the case of studies in which dosing extends over a period, dosing should preferably be done using a single batch of active substance if stability permits.
Whenever a study implies the use of different doses, the relationship between dose and adverse effect must be reported.
- (ix) For all feeding studies, average achieved dose must be reported, including where possible the dose in mg/kg body weight. Where dosing via the diet is utilized the test compound must be distributed uniformly in the diet.
- (x) It may be necessary to conduct separate studies for metabolites, degradation or reaction products, where these products can constitute a relevant risk to non-target organisms and where their effects cannot be evaluated by the available results relating to the active substance. Before such studies are performed the information from points 5, 6 and 7 has to be taken into account.

Test organisms

- (xi) In order to facilitate the assessment of the significance of test results obtained, including the estimation of intrinsic toxicity and the factors affecting toxicity, the same strain (or recorded origin) of each relevant species should, where possible, be used in the various toxicity tests specified.

8.1. Effects on birds**8.1.1. Acute oral toxicity***Aim of the test*

The test should provide, where possible, LD₅₀ values, the lethal threshold dose, time courses of response and recovery and the NOEL, and must include relevant gross pathological findings.

Circumstances in which required

The possible effects of the active substance on birds must be investigated except where the active substance is intended solely to be included in preparations for exclusive use in enclosed spaces (e.g. in glasshouses or in food storage practice).

Test conditions

The acute oral toxicity of active substance to a quail species (Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) or Bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*) or to mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) must be determined. The highest dose used in tests need not exceed 2 000 mg/kg body weight.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides⁽¹⁾.

8.1.2. Short-term dietary toxicity*Aim of the test*

The test should provide the short term dietary toxicity (LC₅₀ values, lowest lethal concentration (LLC), where possible no observed effect

⁽¹⁾ Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (Setac), 1995. *Procedures for Assessing the Environmental Fate and Ecotoxicity of Pesticides*, ISBN 90-5607-002-9.

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concentrations (NOEC), time courses of response and recovery) and include relevant gross pathological findings.

Circumstances in which required

The dietary (five-day) toxicity of the active substance to birds must always be investigated on one species except where a study in accordance with the provisions of point 8.1.3 is reported. Where its acute oral NOEL is ≤ 500 mg/kg body weight or where the short-term NOEC < 500 mg/kg food the test must be performed on a second species.

Test conditions

The first species to be studied must be either a quail species or mallard duck. If a second species must be tested it should not be related to the first species tested.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Method 205.

8.1.3. Subchronic toxicity and reproduction

Aim of the test

The test should provide the subchronic toxicity and reproductive toxicity of the active substance to birds.

Circumstances in which required

The subchronic and reproductive toxicity of the active substance to birds must be investigated, unless it can be justified that continued or repeated exposure of adults, or exposure of nest sites during the breeding season is unlikely to occur.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Method 206.

8.2. **Effects on aquatic organisms**

The data of the tests referred to in points 8.2.1, 8.2.4 and 8.2.6 have to be submitted for every active substance even when it is not expected that plant protection products containing it could reach surface water following the proposed conditions of use. These data are required under the provisions of Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC for the classification of the active substance.

Data reported must be supported with analytical data on concentrations of the test substance in the test media.

8.2.1. Acute toxicity to fish

Aim of the test

The test should provide the acute toxicity (LC_{50}), and details of observed effects.

Circumstances in which required

The test must always be carried out.

Test conditions

The acute toxicity of the active substance must be determined for rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and for a warm water fish species. Where tests with metabolites, degradation or reaction products have to be performed the species used must be the more sensitive of the two species tested with the active substance.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with the Annex to Commission Directive 92/69/EEC ⁽¹⁾ adapting to technical progress for the 17th time Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification and labelling of dangerous substances, Method C1.

8.2.2. Chronic toxicity to fish

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 383, 29. 12. 1992, p. 113.

▼ M7*Circumstances in which required*

A chronic toxicity study must be carried out unless it can be justified that continued or repeated exposure of fish is unlikely to occur or unless a suitable microsom or mesocosm study is available.

Expert judgment is required to decide which test has to be performed. In particular for active substance for which there are indications of particular concerns (related to the toxicity of the active substance for fish or the potential exposure) the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of test to be performed.

A fish early life stage toxicity test might be appropriate where bioconcentration factors (BCF) are between 100 and 1 000 or where EC_{50} of the active substance $< 0,1$ mg/l.

A fish life cycle test might be appropriate in cases where

- the bioconcentration factor is greater than 1 000 and the elimination of the active substance during a depuration phase of 14 days is lower than 95 %,
- or
- the substance is stable in water or sediment ($DT_{90} > 100$ days).

It is not necessary to perform a chronic toxicity test on juvenile fish when a fish early life stage toxicity test or a fish life cycle test has been performed; it is likewise not necessary to perform a fish early life stage toxicity test when a fish life cycle test has been performed.

8.2.2.1. Chronic toxicity test on juvenile fish

Aim of the test

The test should provide effects on growth, the threshold level for lethal effects and for observed effects, the NOEC and details of observed effects.

Test conditions

The test must be conducted on juvenile rainbow trout, following exposure of 28 days to the active substance. Data on the effects on growth and behaviour must be generated.

8.2.2.2. Fish early life stage toxicity test

Aim of the test

The test should provide effects on development, growth and behaviour, the NOEC and details of observed effects on fish early life stages.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Method 210.

8.2.2.3. Fish life cycle test

Aim of the test

The test will provide effects on reproduction of the parental and the viability of the filial generation.

Test conditions

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type and conditions of the study to be performed.

8.2.3. Bioconcentration in fish

Aim of the test

The test should provide the steady-state bioconcentration factors, uptake rate constants and depuration rate constants, calculated for each test compound, as well as relevant confidence limits.

Circumstances in which required

The bioconcentration potential of active substances, of metabolites and of degradation and reaction products, likely to partition into fatty tissues (such as $\log p_{ow} \geq 3$ — see point 2.8 or other relevant indications of bioconcentration), must be investigated and be reported, unless it can be justified that exposure leading to bioconcentration is not likely to occur.

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The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Method 305E.

8.2.4. Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

Aim of the test

The test should provide the 24 and 48-hour acute toxicity of the active substance, expressed as the median effective concentration (EC_{50}) for immobilization, and where possible the highest concentration causing no immobilization.

Circumstances in which required

The acute toxicity must always be determined for *Daphnia* (preferably *Daphnia magna*). Where plant protection products containing the active substance are intended to be used directly on surface water additional data have to be reported on at least one representative species from each of the following groups: aquatic insects, aquatic crustaceans (on a species not related to *Daphnia*) and aquatic gastropod molluscs.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC, Method C2.

8.2.5. Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

Aim of the test

The test should provide where possible EC_{50} values for effects such as immobilization and reproduction and the highest concentration at which no effect such as on mortality or reproduction occurs (NOEC) and details of observed effects.

Circumstances in which required

A test on *Daphnia* and on at least one representative aquatic insect species and an aquatic gastropod mollusc species must be carried out unless it can be justified that continued or repeated exposure is not likely to occur.

Test conditions

The test with *Daphnia* must be continued for 21 days.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with OECD Method 202, Part II.

8.2.6. Effects on algal growth

Aim of the test

The test should provide EC_{50} values for growth and growth rate, NOEC values, and details of observed effects.

Circumstances in which required

Possible effects on algal growth of active substances must always be reported.

For herbicides a test on a second species from a different taxonomic group has to be performed.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC, Method C3.

8.2.7. Effects on sediment dwelling organisms

Aim of test

The test will measure effects on survival and development (including effects on emergence of adults for *Chironomus*), the relevant EC_{50} values and the NOEC values.

Circumstances in which required

Where environmental fate and behaviour data required in point 7 report that an active substance is likely to partition to and persist in aquatic sediments, expert judgement should be used to decide whether an acute or a chronic sediment toxicity test is required. Such expert

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judgement should take into account whether effects on sediment dwelling invertebrates are likely by comparing the aquatic invertebrate toxicity EC_{50} data from points 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 with the predicted levels of the active substances in sediment from data in Annex III, point 9.

Test conditions

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type and conditions of the study to be performed.

8.2.8. Aquatic plants

A test on aquatic plants has to be performed for herbicides.

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type and conditions of the study to be performed.

8.3. **Effect on arthropods**

8.3.1. Bees

8.3.1.1. Acute toxicity

Aim of the test

The test should provide the acute oral and contact LD_{50} value of the active substance.

Circumstances in which required

Potential impact on bees must be investigated, except where preparations containing the active substance are for exclusive use in situations where bees are not likely to be exposed such as:

- food storage in enclosed spaces,
- non-systemic seed dressings,
- non-systemic preparations for application to soil,
- non-systemic dipping treatments for transplanted crops and bulbs,
- wound sealing and healing treatments,
- rodenticidal baits,
- use in glasshouses without pollinators.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with EPPO Guideline 170.

8.3.1.2. Bee brood feeding test

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate possible risks from the plant protection product on honeybee larvae.

Circumstances in which required

The test must be carried out when the active substance may act as an insect growth regulator unless it can be justified that it is not likely that bee brood would be exposed to it.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with ICPBR Method (e.g. P. A. Oomen, A. de Riufter and J. van der Steen. Method for honeybee brood feeding tests with insect growth-regulating insecticides. *EPPO Bulletin*, Volume 22, pp 613 to 616, 1992.)

8.3.2. Other arthropods

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate the toxicity (mortality and sublethal effects) of the active substance to selected arthropod species.

Circumstances in which required

Effects on non-target terrestrial arthropods (e.g. predators or parasitoids of harmful organisms) must be investigated. The information obtained for these species can also be used to indicate the potential for toxicity to other non-target species inhabiting the same environment. This information is required for all active substances except

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where preparations containing the active substance are for exclusive use in situations where non-target arthropods are not exposed such as:

- food storage in enclosed spaces,
- wound sealing and healing treatments,
- rodenticidal baits.

Test conditions

The test must be performed initially in the laboratory on an artificial substrate (i.e. glass plate or quartz sand, as appropriate) unless adverse effects can be clearly predicted from other studies. In these cases, more realistic substrates may be used.

Two sensitive standard species, a parasitoid and predatory mite (e.g. *Aphidius rhopalosiphi* and *Typhlodromus pyri*) should be tested. In addition to these, two additional species must also be tested, which should be relevant to the intended use of the substance. Where possible and if appropriate, they should represent the other two major functional groups, ground dwelling predators and foliage dwelling predators. Where effects are observed with species relevant to the proposed use of the product, further testing may be carried out at the extended laboratory/semi-field level. Selection of the relevant test species should follow the proposals outlined in Setac — Guidance document on regulatory testing procedures for pesticides with non-target arthropods⁽¹⁾. Testing must be conducted at rates equivalent to the highest rate of field application to be recommended.

Test guideline

Where relevant, testing should be done according to appropriate guidelines which satisfy at least the requirements for testing as included in Setac — Guidance document on regulatory testing procedures for pesticides with non-target arthropods.

8.4. **Effects on earthworms**

8.4.1. Acute toxicity

Aim of the test

The test should provide the LC₅₀ value of the active substance to earthworms, where possible the highest concentration causing no mortality and the lowest concentration causing 100 % mortality, and must include observed morphological and behavioural effects.

Circumstances in which required

Effects on earthworms must be investigated, where preparations containing the active substance are applied to soil, or can contaminate soil.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Commission Directive 88/302/EEC⁽²⁾ adapting to technical progress for the ninth time Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, Part C, Toxicity for earthworms: Artificial soil test.

8.4.2. Sublethal effects

Aim of the test

The test should provide the NOEC and the effects on growth, reproduction and behaviour.

Circumstances in which required

Where on the basis of the proposed manner of use of preparations containing the active substance or on the basis of its fate and behaviour in soil (DT₉₀ > 100 days), continued or repeated exposure of earthworms to the active substance, or to significant quantities of metabolites, degradation or reaction products, can be anticipated expert judgement is required to decide whether a sublethal test can be useful.

⁽¹⁾ From the Workshop European Standard Characteristics of beneficials Regulatory Testing (Escort), 28 to 30 March 1994, ISBN 0-95-22535-2-6.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 133, 30. 5. 1988, p. 1.

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The test must be carried out on *Eisenia foetida*.

8.5. **Effects on soil non-target micro-organisms***Aim of the test*

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the impact of the active substance on soil microbial activity, in terms of nitrogen transformation and carbon mineralization.

Circumstances in which required

The test must be carried out where preparations containing the active substance are applied to soil or can contaminate soil under practical conditions of use. In the case of active substances intended for use in preparations for soil sterilization, the studies must be designed to measure rates of recovery following treatment.

Test conditions

Soils used must be freshly sampled agricultural soils. The sites from which soil is taken must not have been treated during the previous two years with any substance that could substantially alter the diversity and levels of microbial populations present, other than in a transitory manner.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

8.6. **Effects on other non-target organisms (flora and fauna) believed to be at risk**

A summary of available data from preliminary tests used to assess the biological activity and dose range finding, whether positive or negative, which may provide information with respect to possible impact on other non-target species, both flora and fauna, must be provided, together with a critical assessment as to its relevance to potential impact on non-target species.

8.7. **Effects on biological methods for sewage treatment**

Effects on biological methods for sewage treatment must be reported where the use of plant protection products containing the active substance can give rise to adverse effects on sewage treatment plants.

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9. *Summary and evaluation of points 7 and 8*
10. *Proposals including justification for the proposals for the classification and labelling of the active substance according to Council Directive 67/548/EEC*
 - Hazard symbol(s)
 - Indications of danger
 - Risk phrases
 - Safety phrases
11. *A dossier as referred to in Annex III, part A, for a representative plant protection product*

PART B

Micro-organisms and viruses

(this part does not apply to GMOs where points come under Directive 90/220/EEC)

1. *Identity of the organism*
 - 1.1. Applicant (name, address, etc.)
 - 1.2. Manufacturer (name, address, including location of plant)

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- 1.3. Common name or alternative and superseded names
- 1.4. Taxonomic name and strain for bacteria, protozoa and fungi, indication whether it is a stock variant or a mutant strain; for viruses the taxonomic designation of the agent, serotype, strain or mutant
- 1.5. Collection and culture reference number where the culture is deposited
- 1.6. The appropriate test procedures and criteria used for identification (e.g. morphology, biochemistry, serology)
- 1.7. Composition — microbiological purity, nature, identity, properties, content of any impurities and extraneous organisms
2. *Biological properties of the organism*
 - 2.1. Target organism. Pathogenicity or kind of antagonism to host, infective dose, transmissibility and information on mode of action
 - 2.2. History of the organism and its uses. Natural occurrence and geographical distribution
 - 2.3. Host specificity range and effects on species other than the target harmful organism including species most closely related to the target species — to include infectivity, pathogenicity and transmissibility
 - 2.4. Infectivity and physical stability when used according to the proposed method. Effect of temperature, exposure to air radiation, etc. Persistence under the likely environmental conditions of use
 - 2.5. Whether the organism is closely related to a plant pathogen or to a pathogen of a vertebrate species or a non-target invertebrate species
 - 2.6. Laboratory evidence of genetic stability (i.e. mutation rate) under environmental conditions of proposed use
 - 2.7. Presence, absence or production of toxins as well as their nature, identity, chemical structure (if appropriate) and stability
3. *Further information on the organism*
 - 3.1. Function, e.g. fungicide, herbicide, insecticide, repellent, growth regulator
 - 3.2. Effects on harmful organisms, e.g. contact poison, inhalation poison, stomach poison, fungitoxic or fungistatic, etc., systemic or not in plants
 - 3.3. Field of use envisaged, e.g. field, glasshouse, food or feed storage, home garden
 - 3.4. Where necessary, in the light of the test results, any specific agricultural, plant health or environmental conditions under which the active substance may or may not be used
 - 3.5. Harmful organisms controlled and crops or products protected or treated
 - 3.6. Method of production with descriptions of the techniques used to ensure a uniform product and of assay methods for its standardization. In the case of a mutant, detailed information should be provided on its production and isolation, together with all known differences between the mutant and the parent wild strains.
 - 3.7. Methods to prevent loss of virulence of seed stock
 - 3.8. Recommended methods and precautions concerning handling, storage, transport or fire
 - 3.9. Possibility of rendering the organism uninfected
4. *Analytical methods*
 - 4.1. Methods for establishing the identity and purity of seed stock from which batches are produced and results obtained, including information on variability
 - 4.2. Methods to show microbiological purity of the final product and showing that contaminants have been controlled to an acceptable level, results obtained and information on variability
 - 4.3. Methods used to show that there are no human or other mammalian pathogens as contaminants in the active agent, including in the case

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- of protozoa and fungi, the effects of temperature (35 °C and other relevant temperatures)
- 4.4. Methods to determine viable and non-viable (e.g. toxins) residues in or on treated products, foodstuffs, feedingstuffs, animal and human body fluids and tissues, soil, water and air, where relevant
 5. *Toxicological, pathogenicity and infectivity studies*
 - 5.1. Bacteria, fungi, protozoa and mycoplasma
 - 5.1.1. Toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 5.1.1.1. Oral single dose
 - 5.1.1.2. In cases where a single dose is not appropriate to assess pathogenicity, a set of range-finding tests must be carried out to reveal highly toxic agents and infectivity
 - 5.1.1.3. Percutaneous single dose
 - 5.1.1.4. Inhalation single dose
 - 5.1.1.5. Intraperitoneal single dose
 - 5.1.1.6. Skin and, where necessary, eye irritation
 - 5.1.1.7. Skin sensitization
 - 5.1.2. Short-term toxicity (90 days exposure)
 - 5.1.2.1. Oral administration
 - 5.1.2.2. Other routes (inhalation, percutaneous as appropriate)
 - 5.1.3. Supplementary toxicological and/or pathogenicity and infectivity studies
 - 5.1.3.1. Oral long-term toxicity and carcinogenicity
 - 5.1.3.2. Mutagenicity — (tests as referred to under point 5.4 of part A)
 - 5.1.3.3. Teratogenicity studies
 - 5.1.3.4. Multigeneration study in mammals (at least two generations)
 - 5.1.3.5. Metabolic studies — absorption, distribution and excretion in mammals including elucidation of metabolic pathways
 - 5.1.3.6. Neurotoxicity studies, including where appropriate delayed neurotoxicity tests in adult hens
 - 5.1.3.7. Immunotoxicity, e.g. allergenicity
 - 5.1.3.8. Pathogenicity and infectivity under immunosuppression
 - 5.2. Viruses, viroids
 - 5.2.1. Acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity. Data as outlined under point 5.1.1 and cell culture studies using purified infective virus and primary cell cultures of mammalian, avian and fish cells
 - 5.2.2. Short-term toxicity

Data as outlined under point 5.1.2 and tests for infectivity carried out by bio-assay or on a suitable cell culture at least seven days after the last administration to the test animals
 - 5.2.3. Supplementary toxicological and/or pathogenicity and infectivity studies as outlined under point 5.1.3
 - 5.3. Toxic effects on livestock and pets
 - 5.4. Medical data
 - 5.4.1. Medical surveillance on manufacturing plant personnel
 - 5.4.2. Health records, both from industry and agriculture
 - 5.4.3. Observations on exposure of the general population and epidemiological data, if appropriate
 - 5.4.4. Diagnosis of poisoning, specific signs of poisoning, clinical tests, if appropriate
 - 5.4.5. Sensitization/allergenicity observations, if appropriate

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- 5.4.6. Proposed treatment: first aid measures, antidotes, medical treatment, if appropriate
- 5.4.7. Prognosis of expected effects of poisoning, if appropriate
- 5.5. Summary of mammalian toxicology and conclusions (including NOAEL, NOEL and ADI, if appropriate). Overall evaluation with regard to all toxicological pathogenicity and infectivity data, and infectivity and other information concerning the active substance
6. *Residues in or on treated products, food and feed*
 - 6.1. Identification of viable and non-viable (e.g. toxins) residues in or on treated plants or products, the viable residue by culture or bio-assay and the non-viable by appropriate techniques
 - 6.2. Likelihood of multiplication of the active substance in or on crops or food together with a report on any effect on food quality
 - 6.3. In cases where residues of toxins remain in or on an edible plant product, data as outlined under points 4.2.1 and 6 of part A are required
 - 6.4. Summary and evaluation of residue behaviour resulting from data submitted under points 6.1 to 6.3
7. *Fate and behaviour in the environment*
 - 7.1. Spread, mobility, multiplication and persistence in air, water, soil
 - 7.2. Information concerning possible fate in food chains
 - 7.3. In cases where toxins are produced, data as outlined under part A, point 7 are required, where relevant
8. *Ecotoxicological studies*
 - 8.1. Birds — acute oral toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.2. Fish — acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.3. Toxicity — *Daphnia magna* (if appropriate)
 - 8.4. Effects on algal growth
 - 8.5. Important parasites and predators of target species; acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.6. Honey-bees: acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.7. Earthworms: acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.8. Other non-target organisms believed to be at risk: acute toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity
 - 8.9. Extent of indirect contamination on adjacent non-target crops, wild plants, soil and water
 - 8.10. Effects on other flora and fauna
 - 8.11. In cases where toxins are produced, data as outlined under Part A, points 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 8.2.5, 8.2.6, 8.2.7 and 8.3.3 are required, where relevant
9. *Summary and evaluation of points 7 and 8*
10. *Proposals including justification of the proposals for the classification and labelling of the active substance in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC*
 - Hazard symbol(s)
 - Indications of danger
 - Risk phrases
 - Safety phrases
11. *A dossier as referred to in Annex III, part B, for a representative plant protection product.*

▼ **B***ANNEX III***REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOSSIER TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE
AUTHORIZATION OF A PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCT**▼ **M1**

INTRODUCTION

The information required shall:

- 1.1. include a technical dossier supplying the information necessary for evaluating efficacy and the foreseeable risks, whether immediate or delayed, which the plant protection product may entail for humans, animals and the environment and containing at least the information and results of the studies referred to below;

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- 1.2. where relevant, be generated using test guidelines, according to the latest adopted version, referred to or described in this Annex; in the case of studies initiated before the entry into force of the modification of this Annex, the information shall be generated using suitable internationally or nationally validated test guidelines or, in the absence thereof, test guidelines accepted by the competent authority;

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- 1.3. in the event of a test guideline being inappropriate or not described, or where another one than those referred to in this Annex has been used, include a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority for the guidelines used. ► **M4** In particular, when reference is made in this Annex to an EEC Method which consists in the transposal of a method developed by an international organization (e.g. OECD), Member States may accept that the required information is generated according to the latest version of that method if at the initiation of the studies the EEC Method has not yet been updated; ◀
- 1.4. include when required by the competent authority, a full description of test guidelines used, except if they are referred to or described in this Annex, and a full description of any deviations from them including a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority, for these deviations;
- 1.5. include a full and unbiased report of the studies conducted as well as a full description of them or a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority where:
 - particular data and information which would not be necessary owing to the nature of the product or its proposed uses, are not provided,
 - or
 - it is not scientifically necessary, or technically possible to supply information and data.
- 1.6. where relevant, have been generated in accordance with the requirements of Directive 86/609/EEC.
- 2.1. Tests and analyses must be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in Directive 87/18/EEC where testing is done to obtain data on the properties and/or safety with respect to human or animal health or the environment.
- 2.2. Tests and analyses, required under the provisions of Section 6 points 6.2 to 6.7 of this Annex, shall be conducted by official or officially recognized testing facilities or organizations which satisfy at least the following requirements:
 - have at their disposal sufficient scientific and technical staff, having the necessary education, training, technical knowledge and experience for their assigned functions,
 - have at their disposal suitable items of equipment required for correct performance of the tests and measurements which it claims to be competent to carry out. This equipment shall be properly maintained and calibrated where appropriate before being put into service and thereafter according to an established programme,
 - have at their disposal appropriate experimental fields and, where necessary glasshouses, growth cabinets or storage rooms. The environment in which the tests are undertaken shall not invalidate its results or adversely effect the required accuracy of measurement,
 - make available to all relevant personnel operating procedures and protocols used for the trials,

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- make available, where requested by the competent authority, prior to the commencement of a test, detailed information on it, containing at least its location and the plant protection products included in it,
 - ensure that the quality of the work performed is appropriate to its type, range, volume and intended purpose,
 - ► **C2** maintain records of all original observations, calculations and derived data, ◀ calibration records and the final test report as long as the product concerned authorized in the Community.
- 2.3. Member States shall require that officially recognized testing facilities and organizations, and, where requested, official facilities and organizations:
- report to the relevant national authority all detailed information necessary to demonstrate that they can satisfy the requirements provided for in point 2.2,
 - accept at any time the inspections, which each Member State shall regularly organize on its territory in order to verify the compliance with the requirement as laid down in point 2.2.

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- 2.4. By way of derogation from point 2.1, Member States may apply the provisions of points 2.2 and 2.3, by extension, to tests and analyses performed on their territory in order to obtain data on the properties and/or safety of the preparations with respect to honey-bees and beneficial arthropods other than bees and actually started on or before 31 December 1999.
- 2.5. By way of derogation from point 2.1, Member States may apply the provisions of points 2.2 and 2.3, by extension, to supervised residue trials performed on their territory in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 'Residues in or on treated products, food and feed' with plant protection products containing active substances already on the market two years after notification of the Directive and actually started on or before 31 December 1997.

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3. The information required shall include the proposed classification and labelling of the plant protection product in accordance with relevant Community Directives.
4. In individual cases it may be necessary to require certain information as provided for in Annex II, Part A, for formulants. Before such information will be required and before possible new studies have to be performed, all information on the formulant, made available to the competent authority, will be considered, in particular when:
- the use of the formulant is permitted in food, animal feeding stuffs, medicines or cosmetics in accordance with Community legislation,
 - or
 - a safety data sheet has been submitted for the formulant in accordance with Council Directive 67/548/EEC.

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PART A

Chemical preparations**▼ M2**

1. **Identity of the plant protection product**
- The information provided, taken together with that provided for the active substance(s), must be sufficient to precisely identify preparations and define them in terms of their specification and nature. The information and data referred to, unless otherwise specified, are required for all plant protection products.
- 1.1. *Applicant (name and address, etc.)*
- The name and address of the applicant (permanent community address) must be provided as must the name, position, telephone and telefax number of the appropriate person to contact.
- Where in addition, the applicant has an office, agent or representative in the Member State in which the authorization is being sought, the name and address of the local office agent or representative should be provided, as should the name, position, telephone and telefax number of the appropriate person to contact.

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- 1.2. *Manufacturer of the preparation and the active substance(s) (names and addresses etc. including location of plants)*

The name and address of the manufacturer of the preparation and of each active substance in the preparation must be provided as must the name and address of each manufacturing plant in which the preparation and active substance are manufactured.

A contact point (preferable a central contact point, to include name, telephone and telefax numbers) must be provided for each.

If the active substance originates from a manufacturer from which data according to Annex II had not been submitted previously, a statement of purity and detailed information on the impurities in Annex II have to be provided.

- 1.3. *Trade name or proposed trade name, and manufacturer's development code number of the preparation if appropriate*

All former and current trade names and proposed trade names and development code numbers of the preparation as well as the current names and numbers must be provided. Where trade names and code numbers referred to, relate to similar but different preparations (possibly obsolete), full details of the differences, must be provided. (The proposed trade name may not give rise to confusion with the trade name of already registered plant protection products.)

- 1.4. *Detailed quantitative and qualitative information on the composition of the preparation (active substance(s), and formulants)*

- 1.4.1. For preparations the following information must be reported:

- the content of both technical active substance(s) and pure active substance(s);
- the content of formulants.

The concentrations should be expressed in terms as provided for in Article 6 (2) of Directive 78/631/EEC.

- 1.4.2. For active substances their ISO common names or proposed ISO common names and their CIPAC numbers, and, where available, the EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) numbers must be provided. Where relevant it must be stated which salt, ester, anion or cation is present.

- 1.4.3. Formulants must where possible, be identified both by their chemical name as given in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC, or, if not included in this Directive, in accordance with both IUPAC and CA nomenclature. Their structure or structural formula must be provided. For each component of the formulants the relevant EEC (EINECS or ELINCS) number and CAS number where they exist, must be provided. Where the information provided does not fully identify a formulant, an appropriate specification must be provided. The trade name of formulants, where they exist, must also be provided.

- 1.4.4. For formulants the function must be given:

- adhesive (sticker),
- antifoaming agent,
- antifreeze,
- binder,
- buffer,
- carrier,
- deodorant,
- dispersing agent,
- dye,
- emetic,
- emulsifier,
- fertilizer,
- preservative,
- odourant,
- perfume,
- propellant,
- repellent,
- safener,
- solvent,
- stabilizer,

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- synergist,
- thickener,
- wetting agent,
- miscellaneous (specify).

1.5. *Physical state and nature of the preparation (emulsifiable concentrate, wettable powder, solution etc).*

1.5.1. The type and code of preparation must be designated according to the 'Catalogue of pesticide formulation types and international coding system (GIFAP Technical Monograph No 2. 1989)'.

Where a particular preparation is not defined precisely in this publication a full description of the physical nature and state of the preparation must be provided, together with a proposal for a suitable description of the type of preparation and a proposal for its definition.

1.6. *Function (herbicide, insecticide, etc.)*

The function must be specified from among the following:

- acaricide,
- bactericide,
- fungicide,
- herbicide
- insecticide,
- molluscicide,
- nematocide,
- plant growth regulator,
- repellent,
- rodenticide,
- semio-chemicals,
- talpicide,
- viricide,
- other (must be specified).

2. Physical, chemical and technical properties of the plant protection product

The extent to which plant protection products for which authorization is sought, comply with relevant FAO specifications as agreed by the Group of Experts on Pesticide Specifications, of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Specifications, Registration Requirements and Application Standards, must be stated. Divergences from FAO specifications must be described in detail, and justified.

2.1. *Appearance (colour and odour)*

A description of both the colour and odour, if any, and the physical state of the preparation, must be provided.

2.2. *Explosivity and oxidizing properties*

2.2.1. The explosive properties of preparations must be reported according to EEC method A 14. Where available thermodynamic information establishes beyond reasonable doubt that the preparation is incapable of exothermic reaction, it is sufficient to provide that information as a justification for not determining the explosive properties of the preparation.

2.2.2. Oxidizing properties of preparations which are solids must be determined and reported according to EEC method A 17. For other preparations the method used must be justified. The oxidizing properties do not have to be determined if it can be shown without reasonable doubt on the basis of thermodynamic information, that the preparation is incapable of reacting exothermically with combustible materials.

2.3. *Flash point and other indications of flammability or spontaneous ignition*

The flash point of liquids which contain flammable solvents, must be determined and reported according to EEC Method A 9. The flammability of solid preparations and gases must be determined and reported according to EEC methods A 10, A 11 and A 12 as appro-

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priate. The auto-flammability of preparations must be determined and reported in accordance with EEC methods A 15 or A 16 as appropriate, and or, where necessary, according to the UN-Bowes-Cameron-Cage-Test (UN-Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Chapter 14, No 14.3.4).

2.4. *Acidity/alkalinity and if necessary pH value*

2.4.1. In the case of preparations which are acidic (pH < 4) or alkaline (pH > 10) the acidity or alkalinity and the pH value must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 31 and MT 75 respectively.

2.4.2. Where relevant (if to be applied as aqueous dilution) the pH of a 1 % aqueous dilution, emulsion or dispersion of the preparation, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 75.

2.5. *Viscosity and surface tension*

2.5.1. In the case of liquid preparations for Ultra Low Volume use (ULV) the kinematic viscosity must be determined and reported according to OECD Test Guideline 114.

2.5.2. For non newtonian liquids the viscosity must be determined and reported together with the test conditions.

2.5.3. In the case of liquid preparations the surface tension has to be determined and reported according to EEC method A 5.

2.6. *Relative density and bulk density*

2.6.1. The relative density of liquid preparations must be determined and reported according to EEC Method A 3.

2.6.2. The bulk (tap) density of preparations which are powders or granules, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Methods MT 33, MT 159 or MT 169 as appropriate.

2.7. *Storage — stability and shelf-life: Effects of light, temperature and humidity on technical characteristics of the plant protection product*

2.7.1. The stability of the preparation after storage for 14 days at 54 °C must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 46.

Other times and/or temperatures may be needed (e.g. eight weeks at 40 °C or 12 weeks at 35 °C or 18 weeks at 30 °C) if the preparation is heat sensitive.

If the active substance content after the heat stability test has decreased by more than 5 % of the initially found content, the minimum content shall be declared and information on the degradation products shall be supplied.

2.7.2. Additionally in the case of liquid preparations, the effect of low temperatures on stability, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Methods MT 39, MT 48, MT 51 or MT 54 as appropriate.

2.7.3. The shelf life of the preparation at ambient temperature must be reported. Where shelf life is less than two years, the shelf life in months, with appropriate temperature specifications, must be reported. Useful information is given in GIFAP Monograph No. 17.

2.8. *Technical characteristics of the plant protection product*

The technical characteristics of the preparation must be determined to permit a decision to be made as to its acceptability.

2.8.1. *Wettability*

The wettability of solid preparations which are diluted for use (e.g. wettable powders, water soluble powders, water soluble granules and water dispersible granules), must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 53.3.

2.8.2. *Persistent foaming*

The persistence of foaming of preparations to be diluted with water, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 47.

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- 2.8.3. **Suspensibility and suspension stability**
- The suspensibility of water dispersible products (e.g. wettable powders, water dispersible granules, suspension concentrates) must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 15, MT 161 or MT 168 as appropriate.
 - The spontaneity of dispersion of water dispersible products (e.g. suspension concentrates and water dispersible granules) must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Methods MT 160 or MT 174 as appropriate.
- 2.8.4. **Dilution stability**
- The dilution stability of water soluble products must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 41.
- 2.8.5. **Dry sieve test and wet sieve test**
- In order to ensure that dustable powders have a suitable particle size distribution for ease of application, a dry sieve test must be conducted and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 59.1.
- In the case of water dispersible products, a wet sieve test must be conducted and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 59.3 or MT 167 as appropriate.
- 2.8.6. **Particle size distribution (dustable and wettable powders, granules), content of dust/fines (granules), attrition and friability (granules)**
- 2.8.6.1. The size distribution of particles in the case of powders, must be determined and reported according to OECD Method 110.
- The nominal size range of granules for direct application must be determined and reported in accordance with CIPAC MT 58.3, for water dispersible granules in accordance with CIPAC MT 170.
- 2.8.6.2. The dust content of granular preparations, must be determined and reported according CIPAC Method MT 171. If relevant for operator exposure the particle size of dust must be determined and reported according to OECD Method 110.
- 2.8.6.3. The friability and attrition characteristics of granules, must be determined and reported once internationally agreed methods are available. Where already data are available they must be reported together with the method used.
- 2.8.7. **Emulsifiability, Re-emulsifiability, emulsion stability**
- 2.8.7.1. The emulsifiability, emulsion stability and re-emul-sifiability of preparations which form emulsions, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Methods MT 36 or MT 173 as appropriate.
- 2.8.7.2. The stability of dilute emulsions and of preparations which are emulsions, must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 20 or MT 173.
- 2.8.8. **Flowability, pourability (rinsability) and dustability**
- 2.8.8.1. The flowability of granular preparations must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Mehtod MT 172.
- 2.8.8.2. The pourability (including rinsed residue) of suspensions (e.g. suspension concentrates, suspo-emulsions), must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 148.
- 2.8.8.3. The dustability of dustable powders following accelerated storage according 2.7.1 must be determined and reported according to CIPAC Method MT 34 or another suitable method.
- 2.9. *Physical and chemical compatibility with other products including plant protection products with which its use is to be authorized*
- 2.9.1. The physical compatibility of tank mixes must be reported based on in-house test methods. A practical test would be an acceptable alternative.
- 2.9.2. The chemical compatibility of tank mixes must be determined and reported except where examination of the individual properties of the preparations would establish beyond reasonable doubt that there is no

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possibility of reaction taking place. In such cases it is sufficient to provide that information as justification for not practically determining the chemical compatibility.

2.10. *Adherence and distribution to seeds*

In the case of preparations for seed treatment, both distribution and adherence must be investigated and reported; in the case of distribution according to CIPAC Method MT 175.

2.11. *Summary and evaluation of data presented under points 2.1. to 2.10*3. **Data on application**3.1. *Field of use envisaged, e.g. field, protected crops, storage of plant products, home gardening*

The field(s) of use, existing and proposed, for preparations containing the active substance must be specified from among the following:

- field use, such as agriculture, horticulture, forestry and viticulture,
- protected crops,
- amenity,
- weed control on non-cultivated areas,
- home gardening,
- house plants,
- plant products storage practice,
- other (specify).

3.2. *Effects on harmful organisms, e.g. contact, inhalation or stomach poison, fungitoxic or fungistatic, etc., systemic or not in plants*

The nature of the effects on harmful organisms must be stated:

- contact action,
- stomach action,
- inhalation action,
- fungitoxic action,
- fungistatic action,
- desiccant,
- reproduction inhibitor,
- other (must be specified).

It must be stated whether or not the product is translocated in plants.

3.3. *Details of intended use e.g. types of harmful organisms controlled and/or plants or plant products to be protected*

Details of the intended use must be provided.

Where relevant, effects achieved e.g. sprout suppression, retardation of ripening, reduction in stem length, enhanced fertilization etc. must be reported.

3.4. *Application rate*

For each method of application and each use, the rate of application per unit (ha, m², m³) treated, in terms of g or kg of both preparation and active substance, must be provided.

Application rates shall normally be expressed in g or kg/ha or in kg/m³ and where appropriate in g or kg/tonne; for protected crops and home gardening use rates shall be expressed in g or kg/100 m² or g or kg/m³.

3.5. *Concentration of active substance in material used (e.g. in the diluted spray, baits or treated seed)*

The content of active substance shall be reported, as appropriate, in g/l, g/kg, mg/kg or in g/tonne.

3.6. *Method of application*

The method of application proposed must be described fully, indicating the type of equipment to be used, if any, as well as the type and volume of diluent to be used per unit of area or volume.

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- 3.7. *Number and timing of applications and duration of protection*
- The maximum number of applications to be used and their timing, must be reported. Where relevant the growth stages of the crop or plants to be protected and the development stages of the harmful organisms, must be indicated. Where possible the interval between applications, in days, must be stated.
- The duration of protection afforded both by each application and by the maximum number of applications to be used, must be indicated.
- 3.8. *Necessary waiting periods or other precautions to avoid phytotoxic effects on succeeding crops*
- Where relevant, minimum waiting periods between last application and sowing or planting of succeeding crops, which are necessary to avoid phytotoxic effects on succeeding crops, must be stated, and follow from the data provided under paragraph 6.6.
- Limitations on choice of succeeding crops, if any, must be stated.
- 3.9. *Proposed instructions for use*
- The proposed instructions for use of the preparation, to be printed on labels and leaflets, must be provided.
- 4. Further information on the plant protection product**
- 4.1. *Packaging (type, materials, size etc.), compatibility of the preparation with proposed packaging materials*
- 4.1.1. Packaging to be used must be fully described and specified in terms of the materials used, manner of construction (e.g. extruded, welded etc.), size and capacity, size of opening, type of closure and seals. It must be designed in accordance with the criteria and guidelines specified in the FAO 'Guidelines for the Packaging of Pesticides'.
- 4.1.2. The suitability of the packaging, including closures, in terms of its strength, leakproofness and resistance to normal transport and handling, must be determined and reported according to ADR Methods 3552, 3553, 3560, 3554, 3555, 3556 3558, or appropriate ADR Methods for intermediate bulk containers, and, where for the preparation child-resistant closures are required, according to ISO standards 8317.
- 4.1.3. The resistance of the packaging material to its contents must be reported according to GIFAP Monograph No 17.
- 4.2. *Procedures for cleaning application equipment*
- Cleaning procedures for both application equipment and protective clothing must be described in detail. The effectiveness of the cleaning procedure, must be fully investigated and reported.
- 4.3. *Re-entry periods, necessary waiting periods or other precautions to protect man, livestock and the environment*
- The information provided must follow from and be supported by the data provided for the active substance(s) and that provided under sections 7 and 8.
- 4.3.1. Where relevant pre-harvest intervals, re-entry periods or withholding periods necessary to minimize the presence of residues in or on crops, plants and plant products, or in treated areas or spaces, with a view to protecting man or livestock, must be specified e.g.:
- pre-harvest interval (in days) for each relevant crop,
 - re-entry period (in days) for livestock, to areas to be grazed,
 - re-entry period (in hours or days) for man to crops, buildings or spaces treated,
 - withholding period (in days) for animal feedingstuffs,
 - waiting period (in days), between application and handling treated products, or
 - waiting period (in days), between last application and sowing or planting succeeding crops.
- 4.3.2. Where necessary, in the light of the test results, information on any specific agricultural, plant health or environmental conditions under which the preparation may or may not be used must be provided.

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The recommended methods and precautions concerning handling procedures (detailed) for the storage, at both warehouse and user level of plant protection products, for their transport and in the event of fire must be provided. Where available information on combustion products must be provided. The risks likely to arise and the methods and procedures to minimize the hazards arising, must be specified. Procedures to preclude or minimize the generation of waste or leftovers must be provided.

Where relevant assessment has to be done according to ISO — TR 9122.

Where appropriate the nature and characteristics of protective clothing and equipment proposed must be provided. The data provided must be sufficient to evaluate the suitability and effectiveness under realistic conditions of use (e.g. field or glasshouse circumstances).

4.5. *Emergency measures in the case of an accident*

Whether arising during transport, storage or use, detailed procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency, must be provided; and include:

- containment of spillages,
- decontamination of areas, vehicles and buildings,
- disposal of damaged packaging, adsorbents and other materials,
- protection of emergency workers and bystanders,
- first aid measures.

4.6. *Procedures for destruction or decontamination of the plant protection product and its packaging*

Procedures for destruction and decontamination must be developed for both small quantities (user level) and large quantities (warehouse level). The procedures must be consistent with provisions in place relating to the disposal of waste and of toxic waste. The means of disposal proposed should be without unacceptable influence on the environment and be the most cost effective and practical means of disposal feasible.

4.6.1. Possibility of neutralization

Neutralization procedures (e.g. by reaction with alkali to form less toxic compounds) for use in the event of accidental spillages, must where they are feasible, be described. The products produced after neutralization should be practically or theoretically evaluated and reported.

4.6.2. Controlled incineration

In many cases the preferred or sole means to safely dispose of active substances as well as plant protection products containing it, contaminated materials, or contaminated packaging, is through controlled incineration in a licensed incinerator.

Where the content of halogens of the active substance(s) in the preparation is greater than 60 %, the pyrolytic behaviour of the active substance under controlled conditions (including where relevant supply of oxygen and defined residence time) at 800 °C and the content of polyhalogenated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzo-furans in the products of pyrolysis must be reported. The applicant must provide detailed instructions for safe disposal.

4.6.3. Others

Other methods to dispose of plant protection products, packaging and contaminated materials, where proposed, must be fully described. Data must be provided for such methods, to establish their effectiveness and safety.

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The provisions of this section only cover analytical methods required for post-registration control and monitoring purposes.

For analytical methods used for generation of data as required in this Directive or for other purposes the applicant has to provide a justification for the method used; where necessary separate guidance will be developed for such methods on the basis of the same requirements as defined for methods for post-registration control and monitoring purposes.

Descriptions of methods must be provided and include details of equipment, materials and conditions used.

As far as practicable these methods must employ the simplest approach, involve the minimum cost, and require commonly available equipment.

For this section the following applies:

Impurities	Any component other than the pure active substance which is present in the active substance as manufactured (including non-active isomers) originating from the manufacturing process or from degradation during storage
Relevant impurities	Impurities of toxicological and/or ecotoxicological or environmental concern
Metabolites	Metabolites include products resulting from degradation or reaction of the active substance
Relevant metabolites	Metabolites of toxicological and/or ecotoxicological or environmental concern

On request the following samples must be provided:

- (i) samples of the preparation;
- (ii) analytical standards of the pure active substance;
- (iii) samples of the active substance as manufactured;
- (iv) analytical standards of relevant metabolites and all other components included in the residue definition;
- (v) if available, samples of reference substances for the relevant impurities.

For definitions see Annex II, Section 4, points 4.1 and 4.2.

5.1. Methods for the analysis of the preparation

5.1.1. Methods, which must be described in full, must be provided for the determination of the active substance in the preparation. In the case of a preparation containing more than one active substance a method capable of determining each, in the presence of the other, should be provided. If a combined method is not submitted, the technical reasons must be stated. The applicability of existing Cipac methods must be reported.

5.1.2. Methods must also be provided for the determination in the preparation of relevant impurities, if the composition of the preparation is such that — on the basis of theoretical consideration — such impurities may be formed by its manufacturing process or from degradation during storage.

If required, methods for the determination of formulants or constituents of formulants in the preparation must be submitted.

5.1.3. Specificity, linearity, accuracy and repeatability

5.1.3.1. Specificity of methods submitted, must be demonstrated and reported. In addition the extent of interference by other substances present in the preparation must be determined.

While interferences due to other components may be identified as systematic errors in the assessment of the accuracy of methods

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proposed, an explanation must be provided for any interference occurring which contribute more than $\pm 3\%$ to the total quantity determined.

- 5.1.3.2. The linearity of proposed methods over an appropriate range, must be determined and reported. The calibration range must extend (by at least 20 %) the highest and lowest nominal content of the analyte in relevant analytical solutions of the preparation. Duplicate calibration determinations must be made at three or more concentrations. Alternatively, five concentrations, each as single measurements, are acceptable. Reports submitted must include the equation of the calibration line and the correlation coefficient and representative and properly labelled documentation from the analysis, e.g. chromatograms.
- 5.1.3.3. Accuracy will normally only be required for methods for the determination of pure active substance and relevant impurities in the preparation.
- 5.1.3.4. For the repeatability in principle a minimum of five determinations must be made. The relative standard deviation (% RSD) must be reported. Outliers identified through an appropriate method (e.g. Dixon's or Grubbs test), may be discarded. Where outliers have been discarded, that fact must be clearly indicated. An explanation as to the reason for the occurrence of individual outliers, must be attempted.

5.2. **Analytical methods for the determination of residues**

Analytical methods for the determination of residues must be submitted unless it is justified that the methods already submitted according to the requirements of Annex II, Section 4, point 4.2 can be applied.

The same provisions as provided in Annex II, Section 4, point 4.2 apply.

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6. *Efficacy data*

General

The data supplied must be sufficient to permit an evaluation of the plant protection product to be made. In particular it must be possible to evaluate the nature and extent of benefits that accrue following use of the preparation, where they exist in comparison to suitable reference products and damage thresholds, and to define its conditions of use.

The number of trials to be conducted and reported depends mainly on factors such as the extent to which the properties of the active substance(s) it contains are known and on the range of conditions that arise, including variability in plant health conditions, climatic differences, the range of agricultural practices, the uniformity of the crops, the mode of application the type of harmful organism and the type of plant protection product.

Sufficient data must be generated and submitted to confirm that patterns determined hold for the regions and the range of conditions, likely to be encountered in the regions concerned, for which its use is to be recommended. Where an applicant claims that tests in one or more of the proposed regions of use are unnecessary because conditions are comparable with those in other regions where tests have been carried out, the applicant must substantiate the claim for comparability with documentary evidence.

In order to assess seasonal differences, if any, sufficient data must be generated and submitted to confirm the performance of the plant protection product in each agronomically and climatically different region for each particular crop (or commodity)/harmful organism combination. Normally trials on effectiveness or phytotoxicity, where relevant, in at least two growing seasons must be reported.

If to the opinion of the applicant the trials from the first season adequately confirm the validity of claims made on the basis of extrapolation of results from other crops, commodities or situations or from tests with closely similar preparations, a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority for not carrying out a second seasons work must be provided. Conversely, where, because of climatic or plant health conditions or other reasons the data obtained in any parti-

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cular season are of limited value for the assessment of performance, trials in one or more further seasons must be conducted and reported.

6.1. Preliminary tests

Reports in summary form of preliminary tests, including glasshouse and field studies, used to assess the biological activity and dose range finding of the plant protection product and of the active substance(s) it contains, must be submitted when requested by the competent authority. These reports will provide additional information for the competent authority when it evaluates the plant production product. Where this information is not submitted a justification which is acceptable to the competent authority must be provided.

6.2. Testing effectiveness

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the level, duration and consistency of control or protection or other intended effects of the plant protection product in comparison to suitable reference products, where they exist.

Test conditions

Normally a trial consists of three components: test product, reference product and untreated control.

The performance of the plant protection product must be investigated in relation to suitable reference products, where they exist. A suitable reference product is defined as an authorized plant protection product which has proved a sufficient performance in practice under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use. In general, formulation type, effects on the harmful organisms, working spectrum and method of application should be close to those of the tested plant protection product.

Plant protection products must be tested in circumstances where the target harmful organism has been shown to have been present at a level causing or known to cause adverse effects (yield, quality, operational benefit) on an unprotected crop or area or on plants or plant products which have not been treated or where the harmful organism is present at such a level that an evaluation of the plant protection product can be made.

Trials to provide data on plant protection products for control of harmful organisms must show the level of control of the species of harmful organisms concerned or of species representative of groups for which claims are made. Trials must include the different stages of growth of life cycle of the harmful species, where this is relevant and the different strains or races, where these are likely to show different degrees of susceptibility.

Similarly, trials to provide data on plant protection products which are plant growth regulators, must show the level of effects on the species to be treated, and include investigation of differences in the response of a representative sample of the range of cultivars on which its use is proposed.

In order to clarify the dose response, dose rates lower than the recommended one must be included in some trials in order to enable to assess whether the recommended rate is the minimum necessary to achieve the desired effect.

The duration of the effects of treatment must be investigated in relation to the control of the target organism or effect on the treated plants or plant products, as appropriate. When more than one application is recommended, trials must be reported which establish the duration of the effects of an application, the number of applications necessary and the desired intervals between them.

Evidence must be submitted to show that the dose, timing and method of application recommended give adequate control, protection or have the intended effect in the range of circumstances likely to be encountered in practical use.

Unless there are clear indications that the performance of the plant protection production is unlikely to be affected to a significant degree by environmental factors, such as temperature or rain, an investiga-

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tion of the effects of such factors on performance must be carried out and reported, particularly where it is known that the performance of chemically related products is so affected.

Where proposed label claims include recommendations for the use of the plant protection product with other plant protection product(s) or adjuvant(s) information on the performance of the mixture must be provided.

Test guideline

Trials must be designed to investigate specified issues, to minimize the effects of random variation between different parts of each site and to enable statistical analysis to be applied to results amenable to such analysis. The design, analysis and reporting of trials must be in accordance with European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) guidelines 152 and 181. The report shall include a detailed and critical assessment of the data.

The trials must be carried out in accordance to specific EPPO guidelines, where available, or when a requires so and when the test is carried out on the territory of this, with guidelines satisfying at least the requirements of the corresponding EPPO guideline.

A statistical analysis of results amenable to such analysis must be carried out; where necessary the test guideline used must be adapted to enable such analysis.

6.3. Information on the occurrence or possible occurrence of the development of resistance

Laboratory data and where it exists, field information relating to the occurrence and development of resistance or cross-resistance in populations of harmful organisms to the active substance(s), or to related active substances, must be provided. Where such information is not directly relevant to the uses for which authorization is sought or to be renewed (different species of harmful organism or different crops), it must, if available, nevertheless be provided, as it may provide an indication of the likelihood of resistance developing in the target population.

Where there is evidence or information to suggest that, in commercial use, the development of resistance is likely, evidence must be generated and submitted as to the sensitivity of the population of the harmful organism concerned to the plant protection product. In such cases a management strategy designed to minimize the likelihood of resistance or cross-resistance developing in target species must be provided.

6.4. Effects on the yield of treated plants or plant products in terms of quantity and/or quality

6.4.1. Effects on the quality of plants or plant product

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the possible occurrence of taint or odour or other quality aspects of plants or plant products after treatment with the plant protection product.

Circumstances in which required

The possibility of the occurrence of taint or odour in food crops must be investigated and be reported where:

- the nature of the products or its use is such that a risk of occurrence of taint or odour might be expected,
- or
- other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to present a risk of occurrence of taint or odour.

The effects of plant protection products on other quality aspects of treated plants or plant products must be investigated and reported where:

- the nature of the plant protection product or its use could have an adverse influence on other quality aspects (for example in the case of use of plant growth regulators close to harvest), or

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— other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to have an adverse influence on the quality.

Testing should be conducted initially on the main crops on which the plant protection product is to be used, at twice the normal rates of application and using, where relevant, the main methods of processing. Where effects are observed it is necessary to perform testing at the normal rate of application.

The extent of investigation necessary on other crops will depend on their degree of similarity of the main crops already tested, the quantity and quality of data available on those main crops and how far the manner of use of the plant protection product and methods of processing the crops, are similar. It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

6.4.2. Effects on transformation processes

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the possible occurrence of adverse effects after treatment with the plant protection product on transformation processes or on the quality of their products.

Circumstances in which required

When the treated plants or plant products are normally intended for use in transformation process such as wine making, brewing or bread making and when at harvest significant residues are present, the possibility of the occurrence of adverse effects must be investigated and reported where:

- there are indications that the use of the plant protection product could have an influence on the processes involved (for example in the case of use of plant growth regulators or fungicides close to harvest),
- or
- other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to have an adverse influence on these processes or its products.

It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

6.4.3. Effects on the yield of treated plants or plant products

Aim of the tests

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the performance of the plant protection product and of possible occurrence of yield reduction or loss in storage of treated plants or plant products.

Circumstances in which required

The effects of plant protection products on the yield or yield components of treated plant products must be determined where relevant. When treated plants or plant products are likely to be stored the effect on the yield after storage, including data on storage life must be determined where relevant.

This information will normally be available from the tests required under the provisions of point 6.2.

6.5. Phytotoxicity to target plants (including different cultivars), or to target plant products

Aim of the tests

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the performance of the plant protection product and of the possible occurrence of phytotoxicity after treatment with the plant protection product.

Circumstances in which required

For herbicides and for other plant protection products for which adverse effects, however transitory, are seen during the trials, performed in accordance to point 6.2, the margins of selectivity on target crops must be established, using twice the recommended rate

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of application. Where serious phytotoxic effects are seen, an intermediate application rate must also be investigated.

Where adverse effects occur, but are claimed to be unimportant in comparison with the benefits of use or transient, evidence to support this claim is required. If necessary yield measurement must be submitted.

The safety of a plant protection product to the main cultivars of the main crops for which it is recommended must be demonstrated, including effects of crop growth stage, vigour, and other factors which may influence susceptibility to damage or injury.

The extent of investigation necessary on other crops will depend on their degree of similarity to the main crops already tested, the quantity and quality of data available on those main crops and how far the manner of use of the plant protection product, if relevant, is similar. It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

Where proposed label claims include recommendations for the use of the plant protection product with other plant protection product(s), the provisions of the previous paragraphs apply for the mixture.

Test guideline

Observations concerning phytotoxicity must be performed in the tests provided for under point 6.2.

Where phytotoxic effects are seen, they must be accurately assessed and recorded in accordance with EPPO guideline 135 or when a Member State requires so and when the test is carried out on the territory of this Member State, with guidelines satisfying at least the requirements of this EPPO guideline.

A statistical analysis of results amenable to such analysis must be carried out, where necessary the test guideline used must be adapted to enable such analysis.

- 6.6. Observations on undesirable or unintended side-effects, e. g. on beneficial and other non-target organisms, on succeeding crops, other plants or parts of treated plants used for propagating purposes (e. g. seeds, cuttings, runners)

- 6.6.1. Impact on succeeding crops

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Where data, generated in accordance with Section 9, point 9.1, shows that significant residues of the active substance, its metabolites or degradation products, which have or may have biological activity on succeeding crops, remain in soil or in plant materials, such as straw or organic material up to sowing or planting time of possible succeeding crops, observations must be submitted on effects on the normal range of succeeding crops.

- 6.6.2. Impact on other plants, including adjacent crops

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on other plants, including adjacent crops.

Circumstances in which required

Observations must be submitted on adverse effects on other plants, including the normal range of adjacent crops, when there are indications that the plant protection product could affect these plants via vapour drift.

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- 6.6.3. Impact on treated plants or plant products to be used for propagation

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on plants or plant products to be used for propagation.

Circumstances in which required

Observations must be submitted on the impact of plant protection products on plant parts used for propagation except where the proposed uses preclude use on crops intended for production of seeds, cuttings, runners or tubers for planting, as appropriate.

- (i) for seeds — viability, germination and vigour;
- (ii) cuttings — rooting and growth rates;
- (iii) runners — establishment and growth rates;
- (iv) tubers — sprouting and normal growth.

Test guideline

Seeds testing shall be done according to ISTA Methods⁽¹⁾.

- 6.6.4. Effects on beneficial and other non-target organisms

Any effects, positive or negative, on the incidence of other harmful organisms, observed in the tests performed in accordance with the requirements of this section, shall be reported. Any observed environmental effects must also be reported, especially effects on wildlife and/or beneficial organisms.

- 6.7. Summary and evaluation of data presented under 6.1 to 6.6

A summary of all data and informations provided under points 6.1 to 6.6 must be provided, together with a detailed and a critical assessment of the data, with particular reference to the benefits that the plant protection product offers, adverse effects that do or may arise and measures necessary to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

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7. Toxicological studies

For proper evaluation of the toxicity of preparations sufficient information should be available on acute toxicity, irritation and sensitization of the active substance. If possible, additional information on mode of toxic action, toxicological profile and all other known toxicological aspects of the active substance should be submitted.

In the context of the influence that impurities and other components can have on toxicological behaviour, it is essential that for each study submitted, a detailed description (specification) of the material used, be provided. Tests must be conducted using the plant protection product to be authorized.

- 7.1. **Acute toxicity**

The studies, data and information to be provided and evaluated, must be sufficient to permit the identification of effects following a single exposure to the plant protection product, to be assessed, and in particular to establish, or indicate:

- the toxicity of the plant protection products,
- toxicity of the plant protection product relative to the active substance,
- the time course and characteristics of the effect with full details of behavioural changes and possible gross pathological findings at post-mortem,
- where possible the mode of toxic action, and
- the relative hazard associated with the different routes of exposure.

While the emphasis must be on estimating the toxicity ranges involved, the information generated must also permit the plant protection product to be classified in accordance with Council Directive 78/

⁽¹⁾ International rules for seed testing, 1985. Proceedings of the International Seed Testing Association, *Seed Science and Technology*, Volume 13, No 2, 1985.

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631/EEC. The information generated through acute toxicity testing is of particular value in assessing hazards likely to arise in accident situations.

7.1.1. *Oral*

Circumstances in which required

An acute oral test should always be carried out unless the applicant can justify to the satisfaction of the competent authority that Article 3.2 of Council Directive 78/631/EEC can be invoked.

Test guidelines

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B1 or B1 bis.

7.1.2. *Percutaneous*

Circumstances in which required

An acute percutaneous test should always be carried out unless the applicant can justify to the satisfaction of the competent authority that Article 3.2 of Council Directive 78/631/EEC can be invoked.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B3.

7.1.3. *Inhalation*

Aim of the test

The test will provide the inhalation toxicity to rats of the plant protection product or of the smoke it generates.

Circumstances in which required

The test must be carried out where the plant protection product:

- is a gas or liquified gas,
- is a smoke generating formulation or fumigant,
- is used with fogging equipment,
- is a vapour releasing preparation,
- is an aerosol,
- is a powder containing a significant proportion of particles of diameter $<50 \mu\text{m}$ ($> 1 \%$ on a weight basis),
- is to be applied from aircraft in cases where inhalation exposure is relevant,
- contains an active substance with a vapour pressure $> 1 \times 10^{-2}$ Pa and is to be used in enclosed spaces such as warehouses or glass-houses,
- is to be applied in a manner which generates a significant proportion of particles or droplets of diameter $<50 \mu\text{m}$ ($> 1 \%$ on a weight basis).

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B2.

7.1.4. *Skin irritation*

Aim of the test

The test will provide the potential of skin irritancy of the plant protection product including the potential reversibility of the effects observed.

Circumstances in which required

The skin irritancy of the plant protection product must be determined except where it is likely, as indicated in the test guideline, that severe skin effects may be produced or that effects can be excluded.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B4.

▼M47.1.5. *Eye irritation*

Aim of the test

The test will provide the potential for eye irritation of the plant protection product, including the potential reversibility of the effects observed.

Circumstances in which required

Eye irritation tests must be conducted except where it is likely, as indicated in the test guideline, that severe effects on the eyes may be produced.

Test guideline

The eye irritation must be determined in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B5.

7.1.6. *Skin sensitization*

Aim of the test

The test will provide sufficient information to assess the potential of the plant protection product to provoke skin sensitization reactions.

Circumstances in which required

The tests must always be carried out except where the active substance(s) or co-formulants are known to have sensitizing properties.

Test guideline

The tests have to be carried out in accordance with Directive 92/69/EEC Method B6.

7.1.7. *Supplementary studies for combinations of plant protection products*

Aim of the test

In certain cases it may be necessary to carry out the studies as referred to under points 7.1.1 to 7.1.6 for a combination of plant protection products where the product label includes requirements for use of the plant protection product with other plant protection products and/or with adjuvants as a tank mix. Decisions as to the need for supplementary studies must be made on a case by case basis, taking into account the results of the acute toxicity studies of the individual plant protection products, the possibility for exposure to the combination of the products concerned and available information or practical experience with the products concerned or similar products.

7.2. **Data on exposure****▼M9**

When measuring exposure to a plant protection product in the air within the breathing area of operators, bystanders or workers the requirements for measuring procedures described in Annex II A to Council Directive 80/1107/EEC of 27 November 1980 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work⁽¹⁾ have to be taken into account.

▼M47.2.1. *Operator exposure*

The risks for those using plant protection products depend on the physical, chemical and toxicological properties of the plant protection product as well as the type of the product (undiluted/diluted), and on the route, the degree and duration of exposure. Sufficient information and data must be generated and reported to permit an assessment of the extent of exposure to the active substance(s) and/or toxicologically relevant compounds in the plant protection product likely to occur under the proposed conditions of use. It must also provide a basis for the selection of the appropriate protective measures including personal protective equipment to be used by operators and to be specified on the label.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 327, 3. 12. 1980, p. 8.

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Aim of the estimation

An estimation shall be made, using where available a suitable calculation model, in order to permit an evaluation of the operator exposure likely to arise under the proposed conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

An estimation of operator exposure must always be completed.

Estimation conditions

An estimation shall be made for each type of application method and application equipment proposed for use of the plant protection product taking account of the requirements resulting from the implementation of the classification and labelling provisions of Directive 78/631/EEC for handling the undiluted or diluted product as well as the different types and sizes of containers to be used, mixing, loading operations, application of the plant protection product, the climatic conditions and cleaning and routine maintenance of application equipment.

At first an estimation shall be made with the assumption that the operator is not using any personal protective equipment.

Where appropriate, a second estimation shall be made with the assumption that the operator is using effective and readily obtainable protective equipment which is feasible to be used by the operator. Where protective measures are specified on the label, the estimation will take these into account.

7.2.1.2. *Measurement of operator exposure*

Aim of the test

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the operator exposure likely to arise under the proposed conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

Actual exposure data for the relevant exposure route(s) must be reported where the risk assessment indicates that a health-based limit value is exceeded. This will, for example, be the case when the results of the estimation of operator exposure provided for under point 7.2.1.1 indicate that:

- the Acceptable Operator Exposure Level(s) (AOEL) established in the context of inclusion of the active substance(s) in Annex I, and/or
- or
- the Limit Values established for the active substance and/or toxicologically relevant compound(s) of the plant protection product in accordance with Council Directive 80/1107/EEC and Council Directive 90/394/EEC of 28 June 1990 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens at work⁽¹⁾,

may be exceeded.

Actual exposure data must also be reported when no appropriate calculation model or no appropriate data are available to do the estimation provided for under point 7.2.1.1.

In cases where dermal exposure is the most important exposure route, a dermal absorption test or the results of a sub-acute dermal study, if not already available, may be a useful alternative test to provide data in order to refine the estimate provided for under point 7.2.1.1.

Test conditions

The test must be done under realistic exposure conditions taking into account the proposed conditions of use.

7.2.2. *Bystander exposure*

Bystanders can be exposed during the application of plant protection products. Sufficient information and data must be reported to provide a basis for the selection of appropriate conditions of use, including the exclusion of bystanders from treatment areas and separation distances.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1990, p. 1.

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Aim of the estimation

An estimation shall be made, using where available a suitable calculation model in order to permit an evaluation of the bystander exposure likely to arise under the proposed conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

An estimation of bystander exposure must always be completed.

Estimation conditions

An estimation of bystander exposure must be made for each type of application method. The estimation shall be made with the assumption that bystanders do not use any personal protective equipment.

Measurement of bystander exposure may be required when estimates indicate a cause for concern.

7.2.3. *Worker exposure*

Workers can be exposed following application of plant protection products, when entering treated fields or premises or handling treated plants or plant products on which residues remain. Sufficient information and data must be reported to provide a basis for the selection of appropriate protective measures, including waiting and re-entry periods.

7.2.3.1. *Estimation of worker exposure*

Aim of the estimation

An estimation shall be made using where available a suitable calculation model, in order to permit an evaluation of the worker exposure likely to arise under the proposed conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

The estimation of worker exposure must always be completed.

Estimation conditions

An estimation of worker exposure must be made for each crop and task to be carried out.

At first the estimation shall be made using available data on the exposure to be expected with the assumption that the worker is not using any personal protective equipment.

Where appropriate, a second estimation shall be made with the assumption that the worker is using effective and readily obtainable protective equipment which is feasible to be used.

Where appropriate, a further estimation shall be made using data generated on the amount of dislodgeable residues under the proposed conditions of use.

7.2.3.2. *Measurement of worker exposure*

Aim of the test

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the worker exposure likely to arise under the proposed conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

Actual exposure data for the relevant exposure route(s) must be reported where the risk assessment indicates that a health-based limit value is exceeded. This will, for example, be the case where the results of the estimation of worker exposure provided for under point 7.2.3.1 indicate that:

- the AOEL(s) established in the context of inclusion of the active substance(s) in Annex I,
and/or
- the Limit Values established for the active substance and/or toxicologically relevant compound(s) of the plant protection product in accordance with Council Directives 80/1107/EEC and 90/394/EEC,

may be exceeded.

Actual exposure data must also be reported when no appropriate calculation model or no appropriate data are available to do the estimation provided for under point 7.2.3.1.

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Where dermal exposure is the most important exposure route, a dermal absorption test, if not already available, may be a useful alternative test to provide data in order to refine the estimate provided for under point 7.1.3.1.

Test conditions

The test must be done under realistic exposure conditions taking into account the proposed conditions of use.

7.3. **Dermal absorption**

Aim of the test

The test shall provide a measurement of the absorption of the active substance and toxicologically relevant compounds through the skin.

Circumstances in which required

The study must be conducted when dermal exposure is a significant exposure route and where the risk assessment indicates that a health-based limit value is exceeded. This will, for example, be the case where the results of the estimation or measurement of operator exposure provided for under points 7.2.1.1 or 7.2.1.2 indicate that:

- the AOEL(s) established in the context of inclusion of the active substance(s) in Annex I,
and/or
- the limit values established for the active substance and/or toxicologically relevant compound(s) of the plant protection product in accordance with Council Directives 80/1107/EEC and 90/394/EEC may be exceeded.

Test conditions

In principle data of an *in vivo* rat skin absorption study must be reported. If, when the results of the estimation using these *in vivo* skin absorption data are incorporated in the risk assessment, there remains an indication of excessive exposure, it may be necessary to perform an *in vivo* comparative absorption study on rat and human skin.

Test guideline

Appropriate elements of OECD guideline 417 are to be used. For the design of the studies it may be necessary to take into account the results of the skin absorption studies with the active substance(s).

7.4. **Available toxicological data relating to non-active substances**

Where available, a copy of the notification and the safety data sheet submitted in the context of Directive 67/548/EEC and Commission Directive 91/155/EEC of 5 March 1991 defining and laying down the detailed arrangements for the system of specific information relating to dangerous preparations in implementation of Article 10 of Council Directive 88/379/EEC⁽¹⁾ must be submitted for each formulant. All other available information should be submitted.

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8. Residues in or on treated products, food and feed

Introduction

The provisions of Annex II, Section 6, Introduction apply.

8.1. **Metabolism, distribution and expression of residue in plants or livestock**

Aim of the tests

The objectives of these studies are:

- to provide an estimate of total terminal residues in the relevant portion of crops at harvest following treatment as proposed,
- to quantify the rate of degradation and excretion of the total residue in certain animal products (milk or eggs) and excreta,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 76, 22. 3. 1991, p. 35.

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- to identify the major components of the total terminal residue in crops and in edible animal products respectively,
- to indicate the distribution of residues between relevant crop parts and between relevant edible animal products respectively,
- to quantify the major components of the residue and to show the efficiency of extraction procedures for these components,
- to generate data from which a decision on the need for livestock feeding studies as provided for in point 8.3 can be made,
- to decide on the definition and expression of a residue.

Circumstances in which required

Supplementary metabolism studies only need to be performed where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, Section 6, points 6.1 and 6.2. This might be the case for crops or for livestock for which data were not submitted in the framework of inclusion of the active substance in Annex I or were not necessary for amending the conditions of its inclusion in Annex I or where it could be expected that a different metabolism will occur.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, Section 6, points 6.1 and 6.2 apply.

8.2. Residue trials*Aim of the tests*

The objectives of these studies are:

- to quantify the highest likely residue levels in treated crops at harvest or outloading from store following the proposed good agricultural practice (GAP),
- and
- to determine, when appropriate, the rate of decline of pesticide deposits.

Circumstances in which required

Supplementary residue trials only need to be performed where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.3. This might be the case for special formulations, for special application methods or for crops for which data were not submitted in the framework of inclusion of the active substance in Annex I or were not necessary for amending the conditions of its inclusion in Annex I.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.3 apply.

8.3. Livestock feeding studies*Aim of the tests*

The objective of these studies is to determine the residue in products of animal origin which will result from residues in feedingstuffs or fodder crops.

Circumstances in which required

Supplementary feeding studies for the purpose of assessing maximum residue levels for products of animal origin are only required where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.4. This might be the case where additional fodder crops are to be authorized which leads to an increased intake of residues of livestock for which data were not submitted in the framework of inclusion of the active substance in Annex I or were not necessary for amending the conditions of its inclusion in Annex I.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.4 apply.

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The main objectives of these studies are:

- to establish whether or not breakdown or reaction products arise from residues in the raw products during processing which may require a separate risk assessment,
- to determine the quantitative distribution of residues in the various intermediate and end products, and to estimate transfer factors,
- to enable a more realistic estimate to be made of dietary intake of residues.

Circumstances in which required

Supplementary studies only need to be performed where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.5. This might be the case for crops for which data were not submitted in the framework of inclusion of the active substance in Annex I or were not necessary for amending the conditions of its inclusion in Annex I.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.5 apply.

8.5. Residues in succeeding crops*Aim of the test*

The objective of these studies is to permit an evaluation of possible residues in succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Supplementary studies are only required where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.6. This might be the case for special formulations, for special application methods or for crops for which data were not submitted in the framework of inclusion of the active substance in Annex I or were not necessary for amending the conditions of its inclusion in Annex I.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.6 apply.

8.6. Proposed maximum residue levels (MRLs) and residue definition

A full justification for the proposed MRLs must be provided, including, where relevant, full details of the statistical analysis used.

If the metabolism studies submitted in accordance with the provisions of point 8.1 indicate that the residue definition should be changed taking into account the actual residue definition and the necessary judgement as outlined under the corresponding paragraph of Annex II, Section 6, point 6.7, a re-evaluation of the active substance may be necessary.

8.7. Proposed pre-harvest intervals for envisaged uses, or withholding periods or storage periods, in the case of post-harvest uses.

A full justification for the proposals must be provided.

8.8. Estimation of the potential and actual exposure through diet and other means

Consideration will be given to the calculation of a realistic prediction of dietary intake. This may be done in a step-wise fashion leading to an increasingly realistic prediction of intake. Where relevant, other sources of exposure such as residues arising from the use of medicines or veterinary drugs have to be taken into account.

8.9. Summary and evaluation of residue behaviour

A summary and evaluation of all data presented in this Section should be carried out according to the guidance given by the competent

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authorities of the Member States concerning the format of such summaries and evaluations. It should include a detailed and critical assessment of those data in the context of relevant evaluative and decision-making criteria and guidelines, with particular reference to the risks for man and animals that may or do arise, and the extent, quality and reliability of the data base.

Where metabolism data have been submitted the toxicological significance of any non-mammalian metabolites must be addressed.

A schematic diagram should be prepared of the metabolic pathway in plants and animals with a brief explanation of the distribution and chemical changes involved if metabolism data have been submitted.

▼ M69. **Fate and behaviour in the environment****Introduction**

- (i) The information provided, taken together with that for the active substance as provided for in Annex II, must be sufficient to permit an assessment of the fate and behaviour of the plant protection product in the environment, and of the non-target species likely to be at risk from exposure to it.
- (ii) In particular, the information provided for the plant protection product, together with other relevant information, and that provided for the active substance, should be sufficient to:
 - specify the hazard symbols, the indications of danger, and relevant risk and safety phrases for the protection of the environment, which are to be included on packaging (containers),
 - predict the distribution, fate, and behaviour in the environment as well as the time courses involved,
 - identify non-target species and populations for which hazards arise because of potential exposure, and
 - identify measures necessary to minimize contamination of the environment and impact on non-target species.
- (iii) Where radio-labelled test material is used, the provisions of Annex II, Chapter 7, introduction, point (iv) apply.
- (iv) Where relevant tests should be designed and data analysed using appropriate statistical methods.

Full details of the statistical analysis should be reported (e.g. all point estimates should be given with confidence intervals, exact p-values should be given rather than stating significant/non significant).

- (v) Predicted environmental concentrations in soil (PEC_s), water (PEC_{sw} and PEC_{gw}) and air (PEC_A).

Justified estimates must be made of the expected concentrations of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products, in soil, groundwater, surface water and air, following use as proposed or already occurring. In addition a realistic worst-case estimation must be made.

For the purposes of the estimation of such concentrations the following definitions apply:

— *Predicted environmental concentration in soil (PEC_s)*

The level of residues in the top layer of the soil and to which non-target soil organisms may be exposed (acute and chronic exposure).

— *Predicted environmental concentration in surface water (PEC_{sw})*

The level of residues, in surface water to which non-target aquatic organisms may be exposed (acute and chronic exposure).

— *Predicted environmental concentration in groundwater (PEC_{gw})*

The level of residues in groundwater.

— *Predicted environmental concentration in air (PEC_A)*

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The level of residues in air, to which man, animals and other non-target organisms may be exposed (acute and chronic exposure).

For the estimation of these concentrations all relevant information on the plant protection product and on the active substance must be taken into account. A useful approach for these estimations is provided in the EPPO schemes for environmental risk assessment⁽¹⁾. Where relevant the parameters provided for in this section should be used.

When models are used for estimation of predicted environmental concentrations they must:

- make a best-possible estimation of all relevant processes involved taking into account realistic parameters and assumptions,
- where possible be reliably validated with measurements carried out under circumstances relevant for the use of the model,
- be relevant to the conditions in the area of use.

The information provided must, where relevant, include that referred to in Annex II, Part A, point 7: and

9.1 **Fate and behaviour in soil**

Where appropriate, the same provisions relating to the information to be provided on the soil used and on its selection apply as provided for under Annex II, point 7.1.

9.1.1. *Rate of degradation in soil*

9.1.1.1. Laboratory studies

Aim of the test

The soil degradation studies should provide best possible estimates of the time taken for degradation of 50 and 90 % (DT_{50lab} and DT_{90lab}) of the active substance under laboratory conditions.

Circumstances in which required

The persistence and behaviour of plant protection products in soil must be investigated unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products in accordance to the requirements of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow release formulations.

Test conditions

The rate of aerobic and/or anaerobic degradation in soil must be reported.

The duration of the study is normally 120 days except if more than 90 % of the active substance is degraded before that period expires.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

9.1.1.2. Field studies

— Soil dissipation studies

Aim of the test

The soil dissipation studies should provide best-possible estimates of the time taken for dissipation of 50 and 90 % (DT_{50f} and DT_{90f}), of the active substance under field conditions. Where relevant, information on relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products must be collected.

Circumstances in which required

The dissipation and behaviour of plant protection products in soil must be investigated unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products in accordance to the requirements of

⁽¹⁾ OEPP/EPPO (1993). Decision-making schemes for the environmental risk assessment of plant protection products. Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin 23, 1-154 and Bulletin 24, 1-87.

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Annex II, point 7.1.1.2. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow-release formulations.

Test conditions and test guideline

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraph of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2.2. apply.

— Soil residue studies

Aim of the test

Soil residue studies should provide estimates of the soil residue levels at harvest or at time of sowing or planting succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Soil residue studies must be reported unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2.2. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow-release formulations.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraph of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2.2. apply.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

— Soil accumulation studies

Aim of the tests

The tests should provide sufficient data to evaluate the possibility of accumulation of residues of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

Circumstances in which required

Soil accumulation studies must be reported unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2.2. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow-release formulations.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided under the corresponding paragraph of Annex II, point 7.1.1.2.2. apply.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

9.1.2. *Mobility in the soil*

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the mobility and leaching potential of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products.

9.1.2.1. Laboratory studies

Circumstances in which required

The mobility of plant protection products in soil must be investigated unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, points 7.1.2 and 7.1.3.1. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow-release formulations.

Test guideline

SETAC — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

9.1.2.2. Lysimeter studies or field leaching studies

Aim of the tests

The test should provide data on:

- the mobility of the plant protection product in soil,
- the potential for leaching to ground water,
- the potential distribution in soils.

Circumstances in which required

Expert judgement will be necessary to decide whether field leaching studies or lysimeter studies should be carried out, taking into account the results of degradation and mobility studies and the calculated

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PEC_s. The type of study to be conducted should be discussed with the competent authorities.

These studies must be performed unless it is possible to extrapolate from data obtained on the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 7.1.3. This extrapolation is, for example, not possible for slow release formulations.

Test conditions

The same provisions as provided for under the corresponding paragraph of Annex II, point 7.1.3.3 apply.

9.1.3. *Estimation of expected concentrations in soil*

PEC_s estimations must relate both to a single application at the highest rate of application for which authorization is sought, and to the maximum number and highest rates of application for which authorization is sought, for each relevant soil tested, and are expressed in terms of mg of active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products per kg of soil.

The factors to be considered in making PEC_s estimations relate to direct and indirect application to soil, drift, run off, and leaching and include processes such as volatilization, adsorption, hydrolysis, photolysis, aerobic and anaerobic degradation. For the purposes of PEC_s calculations, the bulk density of soils can be assumed to be 1,5 g/cm³ dry weight, while the depth of the soil layer is assumed to be 5 cm for applications at the soil surface and 20 cm when incorporation in the soil is involved. Where ground cover is present at time of application, it is to be assumed that 50 % (minimum) of the applied dose reaches the soil surface unless actual experimental data give more specific information.

Initial, short-term and long-term PEC_s calculations (time weighted averages) must be provided:

- initial: immediately after application,
- short-term: 24 hours, 2 days and 4 days after last application,
- long-term: 7, 28, 50 and 100 days after last application, where relevant.

9.2. **Fate and behaviour in water**

9.2.1. *Estimation of concentrations in groundwater*

The groundwater contamination routes have to be defined taking into account relevant agricultural, plant health, and environmental (including climatic) conditions.

Suitable estimations (calculations) of predicted environmental concentration in groundwater PEC_{gw} of active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products, must be submitted.

PEC estimations must relate to the maximum number and highest rates of application, for which authorization is sought.

Expert judgment is required to decide if additional field tests could provide useful information. Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of study to be performed.

9.2.2. *Impact on water treatment procedures*

In cases where this information is necessary in the framework of a conditional authorization as meant in Annex VI, Part C, point 2.5.1.2 (b), the information provided should permit to establish or to estimate effectiveness of water treatment procedures (drinking water and sewage treatment), and impact on such procedures. Before performing any studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of information to be provided.

9.2.3. *Estimation of concentrations in surface water*

The surface water contamination routes have to be defined taking into account relevant agricultural, plant health, and environmental (including climatic) conditions.

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Suitable estimations (calculations) of predicted environmental concentration in surface water PEC_{sw} , of active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products, must be submitted.

PEC estimations must relate to the maximum number and highest rates of application, for which authorization is sought, and be relevant to lakes, ponds, rivers, canals, streams, irrigation/drainage canals and drains.

The factors to be considered in making PEC_{sw} estimations relate to direct application to water, drift, run-off, discharge via drains and atmospheric deposition, and include processes such as volatilization, adsorption, advection, hydrolysis, photolysis, biodegradation, sedimentation and re-suspension.

Initial, short-term and long-term PEC_{sw} calculations relevant to static and slow moving water bodies (time weighted averages) must be provided:

- initial: immediately after application,
- short-term: 24 hours, 2 days and 4 days after last application,
- long-term: 7, 14, 21, 28, and 42 days after last application, where relevant.

Expert judgment is required to decide if additional field tests could provide useful information. Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type of study to be performed.

9.3. **Fate and behaviour in air**

Guidance under development.

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10. **Ecotoxicological studies**

Introduction

- (i) The information provided, taken together with that for the active substance(s), must be sufficient to permit an assessment of the impact on non-target species (flora and fauna), of the plant protection product, when used as proposed. Impact can result from single, prolonged or repeated exposure, and can be reversible, or irreversible.
- (ii) In particular, the information provided for the plant protection product, together with other relevant information, and that provided for the active substance, should be sufficient to:
 - specify the hazard symbols, the indications of danger, and relevant risk and safety phrases for the protection of the environment, to be mentioned on packaging (containers),
 - permit an evaluation of the short- and long-term risks for non-target species — populations, communities, and processes as appropriate,
 - permit an evaluation of whether special precautions are necessary for the protection of non-target species.
- (iii) There is a need to report all potentially adverse effects found during routine ecotoxicological investigations and to undertake and report such additional studies which may be necessary to investigate the mechanisms involved and assess the significance of these effects.
- (iv) In general, much of the data relating to impact on non-target species, required for authorization of plant protection products, will have been submitted and evaluated for the inclusion of the active substance(s) in Annex I. The information on fate and behaviour in the environment, generated and submitted in accordance with points 9.1 to 9.3, and on residue levels in plants generated and submitted in accordance with point 8 is central to the assessment of impact on non-target species, in that it provides information on the nature and extent of potential or actual exposure. The final PEC estimations are to be adapted according to the different groups of organisms taking in particular into consideration the biology of the most sensitive species.

The toxicological studies and information submitted in accordance with point 7.1 provide essential information as to toxicity to vertebrate species.

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- (v) Where relevant, tests should be designed and data analysed using appropriate statistical methods. Full details of the statistical analysis should be reported (e.g. all point estimates should be given with confidence intervals, exact p-values should be given rather than stating significant/non significant).
- (vi) Whenever a study implies the use of different doses, the relationship between dose and adverse effect must be reported.
- (vii) Where exposure data are necessary to decide whether a study has to be performed, the data obtained in accordance with the provisions of Annex III, point 9 should be used.
For the estimation of exposure of organisms all relevant information on the plant protection product and on the active substance must be taken into account. A useful approach for these estimations is provided in the EPPO/Council of Europe schemes for environmental risk assessment⁽¹⁾. Where relevant the parameters provided for in this section should be used. Where it appears from available data that the plant protection product is more toxic as the active substance, the toxicity data of the plant protection product have to be used for the calculation of relevant toxicity/exposure ratios.
- (viii) In the context of the influence that impurities can have on ecotoxicological behaviour, it is essential that for each study submitted, a detailed description (specification) of the material used as provided for under point 1.4, be provided.
- (ix) In order to facilitate the assessment of the significance of test results obtained the same strain of each relevant species should where possible be used in the various toxicity tests specified.

10.1. **Effects on birds**

Possible effects on birds must be investigated except where the possibility that birds will be exposed, directly or indirectly, can be ruled out such as for use in enclosed spaces or wound healing treatments.

The acute toxicity/exposure ratio (TER_a), the short term dietary toxicity/exposure ratio (TER_{st}) and the long term dietary toxicity/exposure ratio (TER_{lt}) must be reported, where:

$$TER_a = LD_{50} \text{ (mg a.s./kg body weight)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg body weight)}$$

$$TER_{st} = LC_{50} \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)}$$

$$TER_{lt} = NOEC \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)}$$

where ETE = estimated theoretical exposure.

In the case of pellets, granules or treated seeds the amount of a.s. in each pellet, granule or seed must be reported as well as the proportion of the LD_{50} for the a.s. in 100 particles and per gram of particles. The size and shape of pellets or granules must be reported.

In the case of baits the concentration of a.s. in the bait (mg/kg) must be reported.

10.1.1. Acute oral toxicity

Aim of the test

The test should provide, where possible, LD_{50} values, the lethal threshold dose, time courses of response and recovery, the NOEL, and must include relevant gross pathological findings.

Circumstances in which required

The acute oral toxicity of preparations must be reported, where TER_a or TER_{st} for the active substance(s) in birds are between 10 and 100 or where results from mammal testing give evidence of a significantly higher toxicity of the preparation compared to the active substance unless it can be justified that it is not likely that birds are exposed to the plant protection product itself.

Test conditions

The study must be conducted on the most sensitive species identified in the studies provided for in Annex II, point 8.1.1 or 8.1.2.

⁽¹⁾ OEPP/EPPO (1993). Decision-making schemes for the environmental risk assessment of plant protection products. *Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin 23*, 1-154 and *Bulletin 24*, 1-87.

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10.1.2. Supervised cage or field trials

Aim of the test

The test will provide sufficient data to evaluate the nature and the extent of the risk in practical conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

Where the TER_a and TER_{st} are > 100 and when there is no evidence of risk from any further study on the active substance (e.g. reproduction study) no further testing is required. In the other cases, expert judgement is necessary to decide whether there is a need to carry out further studies. This expert judgement will take into account, where relevant, foraging behaviour, repellency, alternative food, actual residue content in the food, persistence of the compound in the vegetation, degradation of the formulated product or treated produce, the amount of predation of the food, acceptance of bait, granules or treated seed and the possibility for bioconcentration.

Where TER_a and $TER_{st} \leq 10$ or $TER_{it} \leq 5$, cage or field trials must be conducted and reported unless a final assessment is possible on the basis of studies according to point 10.1.3.

Test conditions

Before performing these studies the applicant should seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type and conditions of the study to be performed.

10.1.3. Acceptance of bait, granules or treated seeds by birds

Aim of the test

The test will provide sufficient data to evaluate the possibility of consumption of the protection product or plant products treated with it.

Circumstances in which required

In the case of seed dressings, pellets, baits and preparations which are granules and where $TER_a \leq 10$, acceptability (palatability) tests must be conducted.

10.1.4. Effects of secondary poisoning

Expert judgment is required to decide whether the effects of secondary poisoning should be investigated.

10.2. **Effects on aquatic organisms**

Possible effects on aquatic species must be investigated except where the possibility that aquatic species will be exposed can be ruled out.

TER_a and TER_{it} must be reported, where:

$TER_a = \text{acute } LC_{50} \text{ (mg a.s./l) / realistic worst case } PEC_{sw} \text{ (initial or short-term, in mg a.s./l)}$

$TER_{it} = \text{chronic NOEC (mg a.s./l) / long term } PEC_{sw} \text{ (mg a.s./l)}$

10.2.1. Acute toxicity to fish, aquatic invertebrates or effects on algal growth

Circumstances in which required

In principle tests should be carried out on one species from each of the three groups of aquatic organisms as referred to in Annex II, point 8.2 (fish, aquatic invertebrates and algae) in case the plant protection product itself can contaminate water. However where the available information permits to conclude that one of these groups is clearly more sensitive, tests on only the most sensitive species of the relevant group have to be performed.

The test must be performed where:

- the acute toxicity of the plant protection product can not be predicted on the basis of the data for the active substance which is especially the case if the formulation contains two or more active substances or formulants such as solvents, emulgators, surfactants, dispersants, fertilizers which are able to increase the toxicity in comparison with the active substance, or
- the intended use includes direct application on water

unless suitable studies referred to under point 10.2.4 are available.

▼ **M7***Test conditions and test guidelines*

The relevant provisions as under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, points 8.2.1, 8.2.4 and 8.2.6 apply.

10.2.2. Microcosm or mesocom study

Aim of the test

The tests must provide sufficient data to evaluate the essential impact on aquatic organisms under field conditions.

Circumstances in which required

Where $TER_a \leq 100$ or where $TER_{it} \leq 10$, expert judgment must be used to decide whether a microcosm or mesocom study is appropriate. This judgment will take into account the results of any additional data over and above those required by the provisions of Annex II, point 8.2 and of point 10.2.1.

Test conditions

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the specific aims of the study to be performed and consequently on the type and conditions of the study to be performed.

The study should include at least the highest likely exposure rate, whether from direct applicaiton, drift, drainage or run-off. The duration of the study must be sufficient to permit evaluation of all effects.

Test guideline

Appropriate guidelines are included in:

Setac — Guidance document on testing procedures for pesticides in freshwater mesocosms/Workshop Huntingdon, 3 and 4 July 1991

or

Freshwater field tests for hazard assessment of chemicals — European Workshop on Freshwater Field Tests (EWOFFT).

10.2.3. Residue data in fish

Aim of the test

The test will provide sufficient data to evaluate the potential for occurrence of residues in fish.

Circumstances in which required

In general data are available from bioconcentration studies in fish.

Where bioconcentration has been observed in the study performed in accordance with Annex II, point 8.2.3 expert judgement is required to decide whether a long-term microcosm or mesocosm study has to be carried out in order to establish the maximum residues likely to be encountered.

Test guideline

Setac — Guidance document on testing procedures for pesticides in freshwater mesocosms/Workshop Huntingdon, 3 and 4 July 1991.

10.2.4. Additional studies

The studies referred to in Annex II, points 8.2.2 and 8.2.5 may be required for particular plant protection products where it is not possible to extrapolate from data obtained in the corresponding studies on the active substance.

10.3. **Effects on terrestrial vertebrates other than birds**

Possible effects on wild vertebrate species must be investigated except where it can be justified that it is not likely that terrestrial vertebrates other than birds are exposed, directly or indirectly. TER_a , TER_{st} and TER_{it} must be reported, where:

$$TER_a = LD_{50} \text{ (mg a.s./kg body weight)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg body weight)}$$

$$TER_{st} = \text{subchronic NOEL (mg a.s./kg food)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)}$$

$$TER_{it} = \text{chronic NOEL (mg a.s./kg food)} / ETE \text{ (mg a.s./kg food)}$$

where ETE = estimated theoretical exposure.

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In principle the evaluation sequence for the assessment of risks to such species is similar to that for birds. In practice it is not often necessary to perform further testing as the studies conducted in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 5 and Annex III, point 7 would provide the required information.

Aim of the test

The test will provide sufficient information to evaluate the nature and the extent of risks for terrestrial vertebrates other than birds in practical conditions of use.

Circumstances in which required

Where TER_a and $TER_{st} > 100$ and where there is no evidence of risk from any further study no further testing is required. In the other cases, expert judgment is necessary to decide whether there is a need to carry out further studies. This expert judgment will take into account, where relevant, foraging behaviour, repellency, alternative food, actual residue content in the food, persistence of the compound in the vegetation, degradation of the formulated product or treated produce, the amount of predation of the food, acceptance of bait, granules or treated seed and the possibility for bioconcentration.

Where TER_a and $TER_{st} \leq 10$ or $TER_h \leq 5$ cage or field trials or other appropriate studies must be reported.

Test conditions

Before performing these studies the applicant shall seek the agreement of the competent authorities on the type and conditions of the study to be performed and whether the effects of secondary poisoning should be investigated.

10.4. Effects on bees

The possible effects on bees must be investigated except where the product is for exclusive use in situations where bees are not likely to be exposed such as:

- food storage in enclosed spaces,
- non-systemic seed dressings,
- non-systemic preparations for application to soil,
- non-systemic dipping treatments for transplanted crops and bulbs,
- wound sealing and healing treatments,
- rodenticidal baits,
- use in glasshouses without pollinators.

The hazard quotients for oral and contact exposure (Q_{HO} and Q_{HC}), must be reported:

$$Q_{HO} = \text{dose/oral LD}_{50} \text{ (}\mu\text{g a.s. per bee)}$$

$$Q_{HC} = \text{dose/contact LD}_{50} \text{ (}\mu\text{g a.s. per bee)}$$

where

dose = the maximum application rate, for which authorization is sought, in g of active substance per hectare.

10.4.1. Acute oral and contact toxicity*Aim of the test*

The test should provide the LD_{50} values (by oral and contact exposure).

Circumstances in which required

Testing is required if:

- the product contains more than one active substance;
- the toxicity of a new formulation cannot be reliably predicted to be either the same or lower than a formulation tested according to the provisions of Annex II, point 8.3.1.1 or of this point.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out according to EPPO Guideline 170.

10.4.2. Residue test

▼ M7*Aim of the test*

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate possible risks to foraging bees from residual traces of plant protection products remaining on crops.

Circumstances in which required

Where $Q_{HC} \geq 50$, expert judgment is required to decide whether the effect of residues must be determined unless there is evidence that there are no significant residual traces remaining on crops which could affect foraging bees or unless sufficient information is available from cage, tunnel or field tests.

Test conditions

The median lethal time (LT_{50}) (in hours) following 24-hour exposure to residues on leaves aged during eight hours must be determined, and reported. Where LT_{50} is more than eight hours, no further testing is required.

10.4.3. Cage tests

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate possible risks from the plant protection product for bee survival and behaviour.

Circumstances in which required

Where Q_{HO} and Q_{HC} are < 50 , further testing is not required except if significant effects are observed in the bee brood feeding test or if there are indications for indirect effects such as delayed action or modification of bee behaviour, in those cases cage and/or field tests shall be carried out.

Where Q_{HO} and Q_{HC} are > 50 , cage and/or field testing is required.

Where field testing is conducted and reported in accordance with point 10.4.4, it is not necessary to conduct cage tests. However, cage tests where conducted, must be reported.

Test conditions

The test should be carried out using healthy bees. If bees have been treated, e.g. with a varroacide, it is necessary to wait for four weeks before using the colony.

Test guideline

The tests must be conducted in accordance with EPPO Guideline 170.

10.4.4. Field tests

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate possible risks from the plant protection product on bee behaviour, colony survival and development.

Circumstances in which required

Field tests must be conducted where on the basis of expert judgement, taking into account the proposed manner of use and the fate and behaviour of the active substance, significant effects are observed in cage testing.

Test conditions

The test should be carried out using healthy honeybee colonies of similar natural strength. If bees have been treated, e.g. with a varroacide, it is necessary to wait for four weeks before using the colony. The tests shall be conducted under conditions reasonably representative of the proposed use.

Special effects (larval toxicity, long residual effect, disorienting effects on bees) identified by the field tests may require further investigation using specific methods.

Test guideline

The tests must be conducted in accordance with EPPO Guideline 170.

10.4.5. Tunnel tests

▼ **M7***Aim of the test*

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate the impact on bees resulting from feeding on contaminated honey dew or flowers.

Circumstances in which required

Where it is not possible to investigate certain effects in cage or field trials, a tunnel test should be carried out, e.g. in the case of plant protection products intended for control of aphids and other sucking insects.

Test conditions

The test should be carried out using healthy bees. If bees have been treated, e.g. with a varroacide, it is necessary to wait for four weeks before using the colony.

Test guideline

The test must be carried out in accordance with EPPO Guideline 170.

10.5. Effects on arthropods other than bees

The effects of plant protection products on non-target terrestrial arthropods (e.g. predators or parasitoids of harmful organisms) must be investigated. The information obtained for these species can also be used to indicate the potential for toxicity to non-target species inhabiting the same environment.

10.5.1. Laboratory, extended laboratory and semi-field tests*Aim of the test*

The test should provide sufficient information to evaluate the toxicity of the plant protection product for selected arthropod species that are relevant to the intended use of the product.

Circumstances in which required

Testing is not required where severe toxicity (> 99 % effect on the organisms compared to control) can be predicted from relevant available data or where the plant protection product is for exclusive use in situations where non-target arthropods are not exposed such as:

- food storage in enclosed spaces,
- wound sealing and healing treatments,
- rodenticidal baits.

Testing is required when significant effects on the organisms in comparison with the control are reported in the laboratory tests at the maximum recommended dose, conducted in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 8.3.2. Effects on a particular test species are considered to be significant when they exceed the threshold values as defined in the EPPO schemes for the environmental risk assessment unless species-specific threshold values are defined in the respective test guidelines.

Testing is also required if:

- the product contains more than one active substance,
- the toxicity of a new formulation cannot be reliably predicted to be either the same or lower than a formulation tested according to the provisions of Annex II, point 8.3.2 or of this point,
- on the basis of the proposed manner of use or on the basis of the fate and behaviour continued or repeated exposure can be anticipated,
- there is a significant change in the proposed use, e.g. from arable crops to orchards, and species relevant to the new use have not previously been tested,
- there is an increase in the recommended application rate, above that previously tested under Annex II.

Test conditions

Where significant effects were observed in the studies performed in accordance with the requirements of Annex II, point 8.3.2, or in the case of change of use such as arable crops to orchards, the toxicity of two additional relevant species must be investigated and reported. These must be different to the relevant species already tested under Annex II, point 8.3.2.

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For a new mixture or formulation, the toxicity should initially be assessed using the two most sensitive species as identified in studies already performed for which the threshold values were exceeded but effects still remain below 99 %. This will enable a comparison to be made; if it significantly more toxic two species relevant to its proposed use must be tested.

Testing must be conducted at a rate equivalent to the maximum rate of application for which authorization is sought. A sequential testing approach should be adopted, i.e. laboratory, and if necessary extended laboratory and/or semi-field.

Where there will be more than one application per season, the product should be applied at twice the recommended application rate unless this information is already available from studies performed in accordance with Annex II, point 8.3.2.

Where on the basis of the proposed manner of use or on the basis of the fate and behaviour continued or repeated exposure can be anticipated (such as the product is to be applied more than three times per season with a re-application of 14 days or less), expert judgment is required to examine whether further testing is required, beyond initial laboratory testing, which will reflect the proposed use pattern. These tests may be performed in the laboratory or under semi-field conditions. When the test is done in the laboratory a realistic substrate such as plant material or a natural soil should be used. However it may be more appropriate to carry out field tests.

Test guideline

Where relevant testing should be done according to appropriate guidelines which satisfy as least the requirements for testing as included in Setac - Guidance document on regulatory testing procedures for pesticides with non-target arthropods.

10.5.2. Field tests

Aim of the test

The tests should provide sufficient information to evaluate the risk of the plant protection product for arthropods under field conditions.

Circumstances in which required

Where significant effects are seen following laboratory and semi-field exposure, or where on the basis of the proposed manner of use or on the basis of the fate and behaviour continued or repeated exposure can be anticipated expert judgment is required to examine whether more extensive testing is necessary to permit an accurate risk assessment.

Test conditions

The tests must be conducted under representative agricultural conditions and in accordance with the proposed recommendations for use, resulting in a realistic worst case study.

A toxic standard should be included in all tests.

Test guideline

Where relevant testing should be done according to appropriate guidelines which satisfy at least the requirements for testing as included in Setac — Guidance document on regulatory testing procedures for pesticides with non-target arthropods.

10.6. **Effects on earthworms and other soil non-target macro-organisms, believed to be at risk**

10.6.1. Effects on earthworms

The possible impact on earthworms must be reported except where it can be justified that it is not likely that earthworms are exposed, directly or indirectly.

TER_a and TER_t must be reported where:

$TER_a = LC_{50} \text{ (mg a.s./kg) / realistic worst case } PEC_s \text{ (initial or short-term, in mg a.s./kg)}$

$TER_t = NOEC \text{ (mg a.s./kg) / long term } PECs \text{ (mg a.s./kg)}$.

10.6.1.1. Acute toxicity tests

▼ **M7***Aim of the test*

The test should provide the LC_{50} , where possible the highest concentration causing no mortality and the lowest concentration causing 100 % mortality and must include observed morphological and behavioural effects.

Circumstances in which required

These studies are only required where

- the product contains more than one active substance,
- the toxicity of a new formulation cannot be reliably predicted from the formulation tested according to the provisions of Annex II, point 8.4 or of this point.

Test guideline

The tests must be conducted in accordance to OECD Method 207.

10.6.1.2. Tests for sublethal effects

Aim of the test

The test should provide the NOEC and the effects on growth, reproduction and behaviour.

Circumstances in which required

These studies are only required where

- the product contains more than one active substance,
- the toxicity of a new formulation cannot be reliably predicted from the formulation tested according to the provisions of Annex II, point 8.4 or of this point,
- there is an increase in the recommended application rate, above that previously tested.

Test conditions

The same provisions as under the corresponding paragraphs of Annex II, point 8.4.2 apply.

10.6.1.3. Field studies

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the effects on earthworms in field conditions.

Circumstances in which required

Where $TER_{it} < 5$ a field study to determine effects under practical field conditions must be conducted and reported.

Expert judgment is required to decide whether residue contents of earthworms should be investigated.

Test conditions

Fields selected shall have a reasonable earthworm population.

The test must be carried out at the maximum proposed application rate. A toxic reference product must be included in the test.

10.6.2. Effects on other soil non-target macro-organisms

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the impact of the plant protection product on macro-organisms that contribute to the breakdown of dead plant and animal organic matter.

Circumstances in which required

Testing is not required where in accordance with Annex III, point 9.1, it is evident that DT_{90} values are less than 100 days, or the nature and manner of use of the plant protection product are such that exposure does not occur or when data from studies on the active substance performed in accordance with the provisions of Annex II, points 8.3.2, 8.4 and 8.5 indicate that there is no risk for soil macrofauna, earthworms or soil microflora.

Impact on organic matter breakdown must be investigated and reported, where the DT_{90f} values determined in field dissipation studies (point 9.1) are > 365 days.

▼ **M7**10.7. **Effects on soil non-target micro-organisms**

10.7.1. Laboratory testing

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the impact of the plant protection product on soil microbial activity in terms of nitrogen transformation and carbon mineralization.

Circumstances in which required

Where the DT_{90f} values determined in field dissipation studies (point 9.1) are > 100 days, impact on soil non-target micro-organisms must be investigated through laboratory testing. Testing is, however, not required if in the studies performed in accordance with the provisions of Annex II, point 8.5 deviations from control values in terms of metabolic activity of the microbial biomass after 100 days is < 25 %, and such data are relevant to the uses, nature, and properties of the particular preparation to be authorized.

Test guideline

Setac — Procedures for assessing the environmental fate and ecotoxicity of pesticides.

10.7.2. Additional testing

Aim of the test

The test should provide sufficient data to evaluate the impact of the plant protection product under field conditions on microbial activity.

Circumstances in which required

Where at the end of 100 days, measured activity deviates by more than 25 % from the control, in the laboratory testing further testing in the laboratory, under glass and/or in the field may be necessary.

10.8. **Available data from biological primary screening in summary form**

A summary of available data from preliminary tests used to assess the biological activity and dose range finding whether positive or negative, which provides information with respect to possible impact on non/target species, both flora and fauna, must be provided, together with a critical assessment as to its relevance to potential impact on non-target species.

11. *Summary and evaluation of points 9 and 10*

A summary and evaluation of all data presented in points 9 and 10 should be carried out according to the guidance given by the competent authorities of the Member States concerning the format of such summaries and evaluations. It should include a detailed and critical assessment of those data in the context of relevant evaluative and decision making criteria and guidelines, with particular reference to the risks for the environment and non-target species that may or do arise, and the extent, quality and reliability of the data base. In particular the following issues should be addressed:

- predicting distribution and fate in the environment, and the time courses involved,
- identifying non-target species and populations at risk, and predicting the extent of potential exposure,
- evaluation as to the short- and long-term risks for non-target species — populations, communities, and processes — as appropriate,
- evaluation as to the risk of fish kills, and fatalities in large vertebrates, or terrestrial predators, regardless of effects at population or community level, and
- identification of precautions necessary to avoid or minimize contamination of the environment, and for the protection of non-target species.

▼ **B**12. *Further information*

12.1. Information on authorizations in other countries

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- 12.2. Information on established maximum residue limits (MRL) in other countries
- 12.3. Proposals including justification for the classification and labelling proposed in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC and Directive 78/631/EEC
 - Hazard symbol(s)
 - Indications of danger
 - Risk phrases
 - Safety phrases
- 12.4. Proposals for risk and safety phrases in accordance with Article 15 (1), (g) and (h) and proposed label
- 12.5. Specimens of proposed packaging

PART B**Preparations of micro-organisms or viruses**

(this part does not apply to GMOs where points come under Directive 90/220/EEC)

- 1. *Identity of the plant protection product*
 - 1.1. Applicant (name, address, etc.)
 - 1.2. Manufacturer of the preparation and the active agent(s) (names, addresses, etc., including location of plants)
 - 1.3. Trade name or proposed trade name and manufacturer's development code number/or the plant protection product, if appropriate
 - 1.4. Detailed quantitative and qualitative information on the composition of the plant protection product (active organism(s), inert components, extraneous organisms, etc.)
 - 1.5. Physical state and nature of the plant protection product (emulsifiable concentrate, wettable powder, etc.)
 - 1.6. Use category (insecticide, fungicide, etc.).
- 2. *Technical properties of the plant protection product*
 - 2.1. Appearance (colour and odour)
 - 2.2. Storage stability — stability and shelf-life. Effects of temperature, method of packaging and storage, etc. on retention of biological activity
 - 2.3. Methods for establishing storage and shelf-life stability
 - 2.4. Technical characteristics of the preparation
 - 2.4.1. Wettability
 - 2.4.2. Persistent foaming
 - 2.4.3. Suspensibility and suspension stability
 - 2.4.4. Wet sieve test and dry sieve test
 - 2.4.5. Particle size distribution, content of dust/fines, attrition and friability
 - 2.4.6. In the case of granules, sieve test and indications of weight distribution of the granules, at least of the fraction with particle sizes bigger than 1 mm
 - 2.4.7. Content of active substance in or on bait particles, granules or treated seed
 - 2.4.8. Emulsifiability, re-emulsifiability, emulsion stability
 - 2.4.9. Flowability, pourability and dustability
 - 2.5. Physical and chemical compatibility with other products including plant protection products with which its use is to be authorized
 - 2.6. Wetting, adherence and distribution to target plants
- 3. *Data on application*
 - 3.1. Field of use, e.g. field, glasshouse, food or feed storage, home garden

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- 3.2. Details of intended use, e.g. types of harmful organism controlled and/or plants or plant products to be protected
- 3.3. Application rate
- 3.4. Where necessary, in the light of the test results, any specific agricultural, plant health and/or environmental conditions under which the product may or may not be used.
- 3.5. Concentration of active substance in material used (e.g. % concentration in the diluted spray)
- 3.6. Method of application
- 3.7. Number and timing of applications
- 3.8. Phytopathogenicity
- 3.9. Proposed instructions for use
4. *Further information on the preparation*
 - 4.1. Packaging (type, materials, size, etc.), compatibility of the preparation with proposed packaging materials
 - 4.2. Procedures for cleaning application equipment
 - 4.3. Re-entry periods, necessary waiting periods or other precautions to protect humans and animals
 - 4.4. Recommended methods and precautions concerning handling, storage, transport
 - 4.5. Emergency measures in case of an accident
 - 4.6. Procedures for destruction or decontamination of the plant protection product and its packaging
5. *Analytical methods*
 - 5.1. Analytical methods for determining the composition of the plant protection product
 - 5.2. Methods for determining residues in or on treated plants or in or on plant products (e.g. biotest)
 - 5.3. Methods used to show microbiological purity of the plant protection product
 - 5.4. Methods used to show the plant protection product to be free from any human and other mammalian pathogens or, if need be, from honey-bee pathogens
 - 5.5. Techniques used to ensure a uniform product and assay methods for its standardization

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6. *Efficacy data*

General

The data supplied must be sufficient to permit an evaluation of the plant protection product to be made. In particular it must be possible to evaluate the nature and extent of benefits that accrue following use of the preparation, where they exist in comparison to suitable reference products and damage thresholds, and to define its conditions of use.

The number of trials to be conducted and reported depends mainly on factors such as the extent to which the properties of the active substance(s) it contains are known and on the range of conditions that arise, including variability in plant health conditions, climatic differences, the range of agricultural practices, the uniformity of the crops, the mode of application the type of harmful organism and the type of plant protection product.

Sufficient data must be generated and submitted to confirm that patterns determined hold for the regions and the range of conditions, likely to be encountered in the regions concerned, for which its use is to be recommended. Where an applicant claims that tests in one or more of the proposed regions of use are unnecessary because conditions are comparable with those in other regions where tests have

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been carried out, the applicant must substantiate the claim for comparability with documentary evidence.

In order to assess seasonal differences, if any, sufficient data must be generated and submitted to confirm the performance of the plant protection product in each agronomically and climatically different region for each particular crop (or commodity)/harmful organism combination. Normally trials on effectiveness or phytotoxicity, where relevant, in at least two growing seasons must be reported.

If to the opinion of the applicant the trials from the first season adequately confirm the validity of claims made on the basis of extrapolation of results from other crops, commodities or situations or from tests with closely similar preparations, a justification, which is acceptable to the competent authority for not carrying out a second seasons work must be provided. Conversely, where, because of climatic or plant health conditions or other reasons the data obtained in any particular season are of limited value for the assessment of performance, trials in one or more further seasons must be conducted and reported.

6.1. Preliminary tests

Reports in summary form of preliminary tests, including glasshouse and field studies, used to assess the biological activity and dose range finding of the plant protection product and of the active substance(s) it contains, must be submitted when requested by the competent authority. These reports will provide additional information for the competent authority when it evaluates the plant production product. Where this information is not submitted a justification which is acceptable to the competent authority must be provided.

6.2. Testing effectiveness

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the level, duration and consistency of control or protection or other intended effects of the plant protection product in comparison to suitable reference products, where they exist.

Test conditions

Normally a trial consists of three components: test product, reference product and untreated control.

The performance of the plant protection product must be investigated in relation to suitable reference products, where they exist. A suitable reference product is defined as an authorized plant protection product which has proved a sufficient performance in practice under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use. In general, formulation type, effects on the harmful organisms, working spectrum and method of application should be close to those of the tested plant protection product.

Plant protection products must be tested in circumstances where the target harmful organism has been shown to have been present at a level causing or known to cause adverse effects (yield, quality, operational benefit) on an unprotected crop or area or on plants or plant products which have not been treated or where the harmful organism is present at such a level that an evaluation of the plant protection product can be made.

Trials to provide data on plant protection products for control of harmful organisms must show the level of control of the species of harmful organisms concerned or of species representative of groups for which claims are made. Trials must include the different stages of growth of life cycle of the harmful species, where this is relevant and the different strains or races, where these are likely to show different degrees of susceptibility.

Similarly, trials to provide data on plant protection products which are plant growth regulators, must show the level of effects on the species to be treated, and include investigation of differences in the response of a representative sample of the range of cultivars on which its use is proposed.

In order to clarify the dose response, dose rates lower than the recommended one must be included in some trials in order to enable to

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assess whether the recommended rate is the minimum necessary to achieve the desired effect.

The duration of the effects of treatment must be investigated in relation to the control of the target organism or effect on the treated plants or plant products, as appropriate. When more than one application is recommended, trials must be reported which establish the duration of the effects of an application, the number of applications necessary and the desired intervals between them.

Evidence must be submitted to show that the dose, timing and method of application recommended give adequate control, protection or have the intended effect in the range of circumstances likely to be encountered in practical use.

Unless there are clear indications that the performance of the plant protection production is unlikely to be affected to a significant degree by environmental factors, such as temperature or rain, an investigation of the effects of such factors on performance must be carried out and reported, particularly where it is known that the performance of chemically related products is so affected.

Where proposed label claims include recommendations for the use of the plant protection product with other plant protection product(s) or adjuvant(s) information on the performance of the mixture must be provided.

Test guideline

Trials must be designed to investigate specified issues, to minimize the effects of random variation between different parts of each site and to enable statistical analysis to be applied to results amenable to such analysis. The design, analysis and reporting of trials must be in accordance with European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) guidelines 152 and 181. The report shall include a detailed and critical assessment of the data.

The trials must be carried out in accordance to specific EPPO guidelines, where available, or when a requires so and when the test is carried out on the territory of this, with guidelines satisfying at least the requirements of the corresponding EPPO guideline.

A statistical analysis of results amenable to such analysis must be carried out; where necessary the test guideline used must be adapted to enable such analysis.

6.3. Information on the occurrence or possible occurrence of the development of resistance

Laboratory data and where it exists, field information relating to the occurrence and development of resistance or cross-resistance in populations of harmful organisms to the active substance(s), or to related active substances, must be provided. Where such information is not directly relevant to the uses for which authorization is sought or to be renewed (different species of harmful organism or different crops), it must, if available, nevertheless be provided, as it may provide an indication of the likelihood of resistance developing in the target population.

Where there is evidence or information to suggest that, in commercial use, the development of resistance is likely, evidence must be generated and submitted as to the sensitivity of the population of the harmful organism concerned to the plant protection product. In such cases a management strategy designed to minimize the likelihood of resistance or cross-resistance developing in target species must be provided.

6.4. Effects on the yield of treated plants or plant products in terms of quantity and/or quality

6.4.1. Effects on the quality of plants or plant product

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the possible occurrence of taint or odour or other quality aspects of plants or plant products after treatment with the plant protection product.

▼ M1*Circumstances in which required*

The possibility of the occurrence of taint or odour in food crops must be investigated and be reported where:

- the nature of the products or its use is such that a risk of occurrence of taint or odour might be expected,
- or
- other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to present a risk of occurrence of taint or odour.

The effects of plant protection products on other quality aspects of treated plants or plant products must be investigated and reported where:

- the nature of the plant protection product or its use could have an adverse influence on other quality aspects (for example in the case of use of plant growth regulators close or harvest), or
- other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to have an adverse influence on the quality.

Testing should be conducted initially on the main crops on which the plant protection product is to be used, at twice the normal rates of application and using, where relevant, the main methods of processing. Where effects are observed it is necessary to perform testing at the normal rate of application.

The extent of investigation necessary on other crops will depend on their degree of similarity of the main crops already tested, the quantity and quality of data available on those main crops and how far the manner of use of the plant protection product and methods of processing the crops, are similar. It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

6.4.2. Effects on transformation processes

Aim of the tests

The tests shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the possible occurrence of adverse effects after treatment with the plant protection product on transformation processes or on the quality of their products.

Circumstances in which required

When the treated plants or plant products are normally intended for use in transformation process such as wine making, brewing or bread making and when at harvest significant residues are present, the possibility of the occurrence of adverse effects must be investigated and reported where:

- there are indications that the use of the plant protection product could have an influence on the processes involved (for example in the case of use of plant growth regulators or fungicides close to harvest),
- or
- other products based on the same or a closely similar active ingredient have been shown to have an adverse influence on these processes or its products.

It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

6.4.3. Effects on the yield of treated plants or plant products

Aim of the tests

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the performance of the plant protection product and of possible occurrence of yield reduction or loss in storage of treated plants or plant products.

Circumstances in which required

The effects of plant protection products on the yield or yield components of treated plant products must be determined where relevant. When treated plants or plant products are likely to be stored the effect on the yield after storage, including data on storage life must be determined where relevant.

This information will normally be available from the tests required under the provisions of point 6.2.

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- 6.5. Phytotoxicity to target plants (including different cultivars), or to target plant products

Aim of the tests

The test shall provide sufficient data to permit an evaluation of the performance of the plant protection product and of the possible occurrence of phytotoxicity after treatment with the plant protection product.

Circumstances in which required

For herbicides and for other plant protection products for which adverse effects, however transitory, are seen during the trials, performed in accordance to point 6.2, the margins of selectivity on target crops must be established, using twice the recommended rate of application. Where serious phytotoxic effects are seen, an intermediate application rate must also be investigated.

Where adverse effects occur, but are claimed to be unimportant in comparison with the benefits of use or transient, evidence to support this claim is required. If necessary yield measurement must be submitted.

The safety of a plant protection product to the main cultivars of the main crops for which it is recommended must be demonstrated, including effects of crop growth stage, vigour, and other factors which may influence susceptibility to damage or injury.

The extent of investigation necessary on other crops will depend on their degree of similarity to the main crops already tested, the quantity and quality of data available on those main crops and how far the manner of use of the plant protection product, if relevant, is similar. It is generally sufficient to perform the test with the main formulation type to be authorized.

Where proposed label claims include recommendations for the use of the plant protection product with other plant protection product(s), the provisions of the previous paragraphs apply for the mixture.

Test guideline

Observations concerning phytotoxicity must be performed in the tests provided for under point 6.2.

Where phytotoxic effects are seen, they must be accurately assessed and recorded in accordance with EPPO guideline 135 or when a Member State requires so and when the test is carried out on the territory of this Member State, with guidelines satisfying at least the requirements of this EPPO guideline.

A statistical analysis of results amenable to such analysis must be carried out, where necessary the test guideline used must be adapted to enable such analysis.

- 6.6. Observations on undesirable or unintended side-effects, e. g. on beneficial and other non-target organisms, on succeeding crops, other plants or parts of treated plants used for propagating purposes (e. g. seeds, cuttings, runners)

- 6.6.1. Impact on succeeding crops

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on succeeding crops.

Circumstances in which required

Where data, generated in accordance with Section 9, point 9.1, shows that signification residues of the active substance, its metabolites or degradation products, which have or may have biological activity on succeeding crops, remain in soil or in plant materials, such as straw or organic material up to sowing or planting time of possible succeeding crops, observations must be submitted on effects on the normal range of succeeding crops.

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6.6.2. Impact on other plants, including adjacent crops

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on other plants, including adjacent crops.

Circumstances in which required

Observations must be submitted on adverse effects on other plants, including the normal range of adjacent crops, when there are indications that the plant protection product could affect these plants via vapour drift.

6.6.3. Impact on treated plants or plant products to be used for propagation

Aim of the information required

Sufficient data must be reported to permit an evaluation of possible adverse effects of a treatment with the plant protection product on plants or plant products to be used for propagation.

Circumstances in which required

Observations must be submitted on the impact of plant protection products on plant parts used for propagation except where the proposed uses preclude use on crops intended for production of seeds, cuttings, runners or tubers for planting, as appropriate.

- (i) for seeds — viability, germination and vigour;
- (ii) cuttings — rooting and growth rates;
- (iii) runners — establishment and growth rates;
- (iv) tubers — sprouting and normal growth.

Test guideline

Seeds testing shall be done according to ISTA Methods⁽¹⁾.

6.6.4. Effects on beneficial and other non-target organisms

Any effects, positive or negative, on the incidence of other harmful organisms, observed in the tests performed in accordance with the requirements of this section, shall be reported. Any observed environmental effects must also be reported, especially effects on wildlife and/or beneficial organisms.

6.7. Summary and evaluation of data presented under 6.1 to 6.6

A summary of all data and informations provided under points 6.1 to 6.6 must be provided, together with a detailed and a critical assessment of the data, with particular reference to the benefits that the plant protection product offers, adverse effects that do or may arise and measures necessary to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

▼B7. *Toxicity and/or pathogenicity and infectivity studies*

7.1. Oral single dose

7.2. Percutaneous single dose

7.3. Inhalation

7.4. Skin and where relevant eye irritation

7.5. Skin sensitization

7.6. Available toxicological data relating to non-active substances

7.7. Operator exposure

7.7.1. Percutaneous absorption

7.7.2. Likely operator exposure under field conditions, including where relevant quantitative analysis of operator exposure.

⁽¹⁾ International rules for seed testing, 1985. Proceedings of the International Seed Testing Association, *Seed Science and Technology*, Volume 13, No 2, 1985.

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8. *Residues in or on treated products, food and feed*
 - 8.1. Residue data concerning the active substance including data from supervised trials in crops, food or feedingstuffs for which authorization for use is sought, giving all experimental conditions and details. Data should be available for the range of different climatic and agronomic conditions encountered in the proposed area of use. It is also necessary to identify viable and non-viable residues in treated crops
 - 8.2. Effects of industrial processing and/or household preparation on the nature and magnitude of residues, if appropriate
 - 8.3. Effects on taint, odour, taste or other quality aspects due to residues on or in fresh or processed products, if appropriate
 - 8.4. Residue data in products of animal origin resulting from ingestion of feedingstuffs or contact with bedding, if appropriate
 - 8.5. Residue data in succeeding or rotational crops where presence of residues might be expected
 - 8.6. Proposed pre-harvest intervals for envisaged uses or withholding periods, or storage periods, in the case of post-harvest uses
 - 8.7. Proposed maximum residue levels (MRLs) and the justification of the acceptability of these levels (for toxins), if appropriate
 - 8.8. Summary and evaluation of the residue behaviour on the basis of the data submitted under points 8.1 to 8.7
9. *Fate and behaviour in the environment*
 - 9.1. In cases where toxins are produced, data as outlined under Part A, point 9 are required, if appropriate
10. *Ecotoxicological studies*
 - 10.1. Effects on aquatic organisms
 - 10.1.1. Fish
 - 10.1.2. Studies in *Daphnia magna* and in species closely related to the target organisms
 - 10.1.3. Studies in aquatic micro-organisms
 - 10.2. Effects on beneficial and other non-target organisms
 - 10.2.1. Effects on honey-bees, if appropriate
 - 10.2.2. Effects on other beneficial organisms
 - 10.2.3. Effects on earthworms
 - 10.2.4. Effects on other soil fauna
 - 10.2.5. Effects on other non-target organisms believed to be at risk
 - 10.2.6. Effects on soil microflora
11. *Summary and evaluation of points 9 and 10*
12. *Further information*
 - 12.1. Information on authorizations in other countries
 - 12.2. Information on established maximum residue limits (MRLs) in other countries
 - 12.3. Proposals including justification for the classification and labelling proposed in accordance with Directives 67/548/EEC and 78/631/EEC
 - Hazard symbol(s)
 - Indications of danger
 - Risk phrases
 - Safety phrases
 - 12.4. Proposals for risk and safety phrases in accordance with Article 15(1)(g) and (h) and proposed label
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ANNEX IV

RISK PHRASES

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ANNEX V

SAFETY PHRASES

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C. DECISION-MAKING

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▼M10**A. INTRODUCTION**

1. The principles developed in this Annex aim to ensure that evaluations and decisions with regard to authorization of plant protection products, provided they are chemical preparations, results in the implementation of the requirements of Article 4 (1) (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Directive by all the Member States at the high level of protection of human and animal health and the environment.
2. In evaluating applications and granting authorizations Member States shall:
 - (a) — ensure that the dossier supplied is in accordance with the requirements of Annex III, at the latest at the time of finalization of the evaluation for the purpose of decision-making, without prejudice, where relevant, to the provisions of Article 13 (1) (a), (4) and (6) of this Directive,
 - ensure that the data submitted are acceptable in terms of quantity, quality, consistency and reliability and sufficient to permit a proper evaluation of the dossier,
 - evaluate, where relevant, justifications submitted by the applicant for not supplying certain data;
 - (b) take into account the Annex II data concerning the active substance in the plant protection product, submitted for the purpose of inclusion of the active substance concerned in Annex I, and the results of the evaluation of those data, without prejudice, where relevant, to the provisions of Article 13 (1) (b), (2), (3) and (6) of this Directive;
 - (c) take into consideration other relevant technical or scientific information they can reasonably possess with regard to the performance of the plant protection product or to the potentially adverse effects of the plant protection product, its components or its residues.
3. Where in the specific principles on evaluation reference is made to Annex II data, this shall be understood as being the data referred to in point 2 (b).
4. Where the data and information provided are sufficient to permit completion of the evaluation for one of the proposed uses, applications must be evaluated and a decision made for the proposed use.

Taking account of justifications provided and with the benefit of any subsequent clarifications, Member States shall reject applications for which the data gaps are such that it is not possible to finalize the evaluation and to make a reliable decision for at least one of the proposed uses.
5. During the process of evaluation and decision-making, Member States shall cooperate with the applicants in order to resolve any questions on the dossier quickly or to identify at an early stage any additional studies necessary for a proper evaluation of the dossier, or to amend any proposed conditions for the use of the plant protection product or to modify its nature or its composition in order to ensure full satisfaction of the requirements of this Annex or of this Directive.

Member States shall normally come to a reasoned decision within 12 months of receiving a technically complete dossier. A technically complete dossier is one that satisfies all the requirements of Annex III.
6. The judgements made by the competent authorities of the Member States during the evaluation and decision-making process must be based on scientific principles, preferably recognized at international level (for example, by the EPPO), and be made with the benefit of expert advice.

B. EVALUATION**1. General principles**

1. Having regard to current scientific and technical knowledge, Member States shall evaluate the information referred to in Part A, point 2, and in particular:
 - (a) assess the performance in terms of efficacy and phytotoxicity of the plant protection product for each use for which authorization is sought; and

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- (b) identify the hazards arising, assess their significance and make a judgment as to the likely risks to humans, animals or the environment.
2. In accordance with the terms of Article 4 of this Directive, which *inter alia* specifies that Member States shall have regard to all normal conditions under which the plant protection product may be used, and to the consequences of its use, Member States shall ensure that evaluations carried out have regard to the proposed practical conditions of use and in particular to the purpose of use, the dose, the manner, frequency and timing of applications, and the nature and composition of the preparation. Whenever possible Member States shall also take into account the principles of integrated control.
 3. In the evaluation of applications submitted, Member States shall have regard to the agricultural, plant health or environmental (including climatic) conditions in the areas of use.
 4. In interpreting the results of evaluations, Member States shall take into consideration possible elements of uncertainty in the information obtained during the evaluation, in order to ensure that the chances of failing to detect adverse effects or of underestimating their importance are reduced to a minimum. The decision-making process shall be examined to identify critical decision points or items of data for which uncertainties could lead to a false classification of risk.

The first evaluation made shall be based on the best available data or estimates reflecting the realistic conditions of use of the plant protection product.

This should be followed by a repeat evaluation, taking account of potential uncertainties in the critical data and of a range of use conditions that are likely to occur and resulting in a realistic worst-case approach, to determine whether it is possible that the initial evaluation could have been significantly different.

5. Where specific principles of Section 2 provide for the use of calculation models in the evaluation of a plant protection product, those models shall:
 - make a best possible estimation of all relevant processes involved taking into account realistic parameters and assumptions,
 - be submitted to an analysis as referred to in B, point 1.4,
 - be reliably validated with measurements carried out under circumstances relevant for the use of the model,
 - be relevant to the conditions in the area of use.
6. Where metabolites, degradation or reaction products are referred to in the specific principles, only those that are relevant for the proposed criterion shall be taken into consideration.

2. **Specific principles**

Member States shall, for the evaluation of the data and information submitted in support of applications, and without prejudice to the general principles of Section 1, implement the following principles.

- 2.1. *Efficacy*
 - 2.1.1. Where the proposed use concerns the control of or protection against an organism, Member States shall evaluate the possibility that this organism could be harmful under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of the proposed use.
 - 2.1.2. Where the proposed use concerns an effect other than the control of or protection against an organism, Member States shall evaluate whether significant damage, loss or inconvenience could occur under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use if the plant protection product were not used.
 - 2.1.3. Member States shall evaluate the efficacy data on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III having regard to the degree of control or the extent of the effect desired and having regard to the relevant experimental conditions such as:
 - the choice of the crop or cultivar,

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- the agricultural and environmental (including climatic) conditions,
- the presence and density of the harmful organism,
- the development stage of crop and organism,
- the amount of the plant protection product used,
- if required on the label, the amount of adjuvant added,
- the frequency and timing of the applications,
- the type of application equipment.

- 2.1.4. Member States shall evaluate the performance of the plant protection product in a range of agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions likely to be encountered in practice in the area of proposed use and in particular:
- (i) the level, consistency and duration of the effect sought in relation to the dose in comparison with a suitable reference product or products and an untreated control;
 - (ii) where relevant, effect on yield or reduction of loss in storage, in terms of quantity and/or quality, in comparison with a suitable reference product or products and an untreated control.

Where no suitable reference product exists, Member States shall evaluate the performance of the plant protection product to determine whether there is a consistent and defined benefit under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use.

- 2.1.5. Where the product label includes requirements for use of the plant protection product with other plant protection products and/or with adjuvants as a tank mix, Member States shall make the evaluations referred to in points 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 in relation to the information supplied for the tank mix.

Where the product label includes recommendations for use of the plant protection product with other plant protection products and/or with adjuvants as a tank mix, Member States shall evaluate the appropriateness of the mix and of its conditions of use.

2.2. *Absence of unacceptable effects on plants or plant products*

- 2.2.1. Member States shall evaluate the degree of adverse effects on the treated crop after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use in comparison, where relevant, with a suitable reference product or products, where they exist, and/or an untreated control.

(a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the efficacy data provided for in Annex III;
- (ii) other relevant information on the plant protection product such as nature of the preparation, dose, method of application, number and timing of applications;
- (iii) all relevant information on the active substance as provided for in Annex II, including mode of action, vapour pressure, volatility and water solubility;

(b) This evaluation will include:

- (i) the nature, frequency, level and duration of observed phytotoxic effects and the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions that affect them;
- (ii) the differences between main cultivars with regard to their sensitivity to phytotoxic effects;
- (iii) the part of the treated crop or plant products where phytotoxic effects are observed;
- (iv) the adverse impact on the yield of the treated crop or plant products in terms of quantity and/or quality;
- (v) the adverse impact on treated plants or plant products to be used for propagation, in terms of viability, germination, sprouting, rooting and establishment;
- (vi) where volatile products are concerned, the adverse impact on adjacent crops.

- 2.2.2. Where the available data indicate that the active substance or significant metabolites, degradation and reaction products persist in soils and/or in or on plant substances in significant quantities after

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use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use, Member States shall evaluate the degree of adverse effects on subsequent crops. This evaluation will be carried out as specified in point 2.2.1.

- 2.2.3. Where the product label includes requirements for use of the plant protection product with other plant protection products or with adjuvants as a tank mix, the evaluation as specified in point 2.1.1 will be carried out in relation to the information supplied for the tank mix.

2.3. *Impact on vertebrates to be controlled*

Where the proposed use of the plant protection product aims to have an effect on vertebrates, Member States shall evaluate the mechanism by which this effect is obtained and the observed effects on the behaviour and health of the target animals; when the intended effect is to kill the target animal they shall evaluate the time necessary to obtain the death of the animal and the conditions under which death occurs.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) all relevant information as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof, including the toxicological and metabolism studies;
- (ii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including toxicological studies and efficacy data.

2.4. *Impact on human or animal health*

2.4.1. arising from the plant protection product

- 2.4.1.1. Member States shall evaluate operator exposure to the active substance and/or to toxicologically relevant compounds in the plant protection product likely to occur under the proposed conditions of use (including in particular dose, application method and climatic conditions) using by preference realistic data on exposure and, if such data are not available, a suitable, validated calculation model.

(a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the toxicological and metabolism studies as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof including the acceptable operator exposure level (AOEL). The acceptable operator exposure level is the maximum amount of active substance to which the operator may be exposed without any adverse health effects. The AOEL is expressed as milligrams of the chemical per kilogram body weight of the operator. The AOEL is based on the highest level at which no adverse effect is observed in tests in the most sensitive relevant animal species or, if appropriate data are available, in humans;
- (ii) other relevant information on the active substances such as physical and chemical properties;
- (iii) the toxicological studies provided for in Annex III, including where appropriate dermal absorption studies;
- (iv) other relevant information as provided for in Annex III such as:

- composition of the preparation,
- nature of the preparation,
- size, design and type of packaging,
- field of use and nature of crop or target,
- method of application including handling, loading and mixing of product,
- exposure reduction measures recommended,
- protective clothing recommendations,
- maximum application rate,
- minimum spray application volume stated on the label,
- number and timing of applications;

(b) This evaluation shall be made for each type of application method and application equipment proposed for use of the plant

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protection product as well as for the different types and sizes of containers to be used, taking account of mixing, loading operations, application of the plant protection product and cleaning and routine maintenance of application equipment.

- 2.4.1.2. Member States shall examine information relating to the nature and characteristics of the packaging proposed with particular reference to the following aspects:
- the type of packaging,
 - its dimensions and capacity,
 - the size of the opening,
 - the type of closure,
 - its strength, leakproofness and resistance to normal transport and handling,
 - its resistance to and compatibility with the contents.
- 2.4.1.3. Member States shall examine the nature and characteristics of the protective clothing and equipment proposed with particular reference to the following aspects:
- obtainability and suitability,
 - ease of wearing taking into account physical stress and climatic conditions.
- 2.4.1.4. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of other humans (bystanders or workers exposed after the application of the plant protection product) or animals to the active substance and/or to other toxicologically relevant compounds in the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the toxicological and metabolism studies on the active substance as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof, including the acceptable operator exposure level;
- (ii) the toxicological studies provided for in Annex III, including where appropriate dermal absorption studies;
- (iii) other relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III such as:
 - re-entry periods, necessary waiting periods or other precautions to protect humans and animals,
 - method of application, in particular spraying,
 - maximum application rate,
 - maximum spray application volume,
 - composition of the preparation,
 - excess remaining on plants and plant products after treatment,
 - further activities whereby workers are exposed.

2.4.2. Arising from residues

- 2.4.2.1. Member States shall evaluate the specific information on toxicology as provided for in Annex II and in particular:
- the determination of an acceptable daily intake (ADI),
 - the identification of metabolites, degradation and reaction products in treated plants or plant products,
 - behaviour of residues of the active substance and its metabolites from the time of application until harvest, or in the case of post-harvest uses, until outloading of stored plant products.
- 2.4.2.2. Prior to evaluating the residue levels in the reported trials or in products of animal origin Member States shall examine the following information:
- data on the proposed good agricultural practice, including data on application as provided for in Annex III and proposed pre-harvest intervals for envisaged uses, or withholding periods or storage periods, in the case of post-harvest uses,
 - nature of the preparation,
 - analytical methods and the residue definition.
- 2.4.2.3. On the basis of suitable statistical models Member States shall evaluate the residue levels observed in the reported trials. This

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evaluation shall be made for each proposed use and shall take into consideration:

- (i) the proposed conditions of use of the plant protection product;
- (ii) the specific information on residues in or on treated plants, plant products, food and feed as provided for in Annex III and the distribution of residues between edible and non-edible parts;
- (iii) the specific information on residues in or on treated plants, plant products, food and feed as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (iv) the realistic possibilities of extrapolating data from one crop to another.

2.4.2.4. Member States shall evaluate the residue levels observed in products of animal origin, taking into consideration the information provided for in Annex III, Part A, point 8.4 and residues resulting from other uses.

2.4.2.5. Member States shall estimate the potential exposure of consumers through diet and, where relevant, other ways of exposure, using a suitable calculation model. This evaluation will take account, where relevant, of other sources of information such as other authorized uses of plant protection products containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues.

2.4.2.6. Member States shall, where relevant, estimate the exposure of animals, taking into account the residue levels observed in treated plants or plant products intended to be fed to animals.

2.5. *Influence on the environment*

2.5.1. Fate and distribution in the environment

In the evaluation of the fate and distribution of the plant protection product in the environment, Member States shall have regard to all aspects of the environment, including biota, and in particular to the following:

2.5.1.1. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of the plant protection product reaching the soil under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall estimate the rate and the route of degradation in the soil, the mobility in the soil and the change in the total concentration (extractable and non-extractable^(*)) of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products that could be expected in the soil in the area of envisaged use after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information on fate and behaviour in soil as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - molecular weight,
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,
 - volatilization rate,
 - dissociation constant,
 - photodegradation rate and identity of breakdown products,
 - hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products;
- (iii) all information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the information on distribution and dissipation in soil;

^(*) Non-extractable residues (sometimes referred to as 'bound' or 'non-extracted' residues) in plants and soils are defined as chemical species originating from pesticides used according to good agricultural practice that cannot be extracted by methods which do not significantly change the chemical nature of these residues. These non-extractable residues are not considered to include fragments through metabolic pathways leading to natural products.

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- (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of proposed use containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues.

- 2.5.1.2. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of the plant protection product reaching the groundwater under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists, they shall estimate, using a suitable calculation model validated at Community level, the concentration of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products that could be expected in the groundwater in the area of envisaged use after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

As long as there is no validated Community calculation model, Member States shall base their evaluation especially on the results of mobility and persistence in soil studies as provided for in Annexes II and III.

This evaluation will also take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information on fate and behaviour in soil and water as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
 - (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - molecular weight,
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,
 - volatilization rate,
 - hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products,
 - dissociation constant;
 - (iii) all information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the information on distribution and dissipation in soil and water;
 - (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
 - (v) where relevant, data on dissipation including transformation and sorption in the saturated zone;
 - (vi) where relevant, data on the procedures for drinking water abstraction and treatment in the area of envisaged use;
 - (vii) where relevant, monitoring data on the presence or absence of the active substance and relevant metabolites, degradation or reaction products in groundwater as a result of previous use of plant protection products containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues; such monitoring data shall be interpreted in a consistent scientific way.
- 2.5.1.3. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of the plant protection product reaching surface water under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall estimate, using a suitable calculation model validated at Community level, the short-term and long-term predicted concentration of the active substance and of metabolites, degradation and reaction products that could be expected in the surface water in the area of envisaged use after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

If there is no validated Community calculation model, Member States shall base their evaluation especially on the results of mobility and persistence in soil studies and the information on run-off and drift as provided for in Annexes II and III.

This evaluation will also take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information on fate and behaviour in soil and water as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - molecular weight,
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,

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- volatilization rate,
- hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products,
- dissociation constant;
- (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the information on distribution and dissipation in soil and water;
- (iv) possible routes of exposure:
 - drift,
 - run-off,
 - overspray,
 - discharge via drains,
 - leaching,
 - deposit in the atmosphere;
- (v) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
- (vi) where relevant, data on the procedures for drinking water abstraction and treatment in the area of envisaged use.

2.5.1.4. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of the plant protection product being dissipated in the air under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall make the best possible estimation, using where appropriate a suitable, validated calculation model, of the concentration of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products that could be expected in the air after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information on fate and behaviour in soil, water and air as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
 - (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - vapour pressure,
 - solubility in water,
 - hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products,
 - photochemical degradation in water and air and identity of breakdown products,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient;
 - (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the information on distribution and dissipation in air.
- 2.5.1.5. Member States shall evaluate the procedures for destruction or decontamination of the plant protection product and its packaging.

2.5.2. Impact on non-target species

When calculating toxicity/exposure ratios Member States shall take into consideration toxicity to the most sensitive relevant organism used in the tests.

2.5.2.1. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of birds and other terrestrial vertebrates to the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall evaluate the extent of the short-term and long-term risk to be expected for these organisms, including their reproduction, after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

- (a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:
 - (i) the specific information relating to toxicological studies on mammals and to the effects on birds and other non-target terrestrial vertebrates, including effects on reproduction, and other relevant information concerning the active substance as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;

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- (ii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the information on effects on birds and other non-target terrestrial vertebrates;
 - (iii) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
- (b) This evaluation will include:
- (i) the fate and distribution, including persistence and bioconcentration, of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, breakdown and reaction products in the various parts of the environment after application of the plant protection product;
 - (ii) the estimated exposure of the species likely to be exposed at the time of application or during the period that residues are present, taking into account all relevant routes of exposure such as ingestion of the formulated product or treated food, predation on invertebrates, feeding on vertebrate prey, contact by overspraying or with treated vegetation;
 - (iii) a calculation of the acute, short-term and, where necessary, long-term toxicity/exposure ratio. The toxicity/exposure ratios are defined as respectively the quotient of LD_{50} , LC_{50} or non-observable effects of concentration (NOEC) expressed on an active substance basis and the estimated exposure expressed in mg/kg body weight.

2.5.2.2. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of aquatic organisms to the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall evaluate the degree of short-term and long-term risk to be expected for aquatic organisms after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

- (a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:
- (i) the specific information relating to the effects on aquatic organisms as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
 - (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,
 - volatilization rate,
 - KOC,
 - biodegradation in aquatic systems and in particular the ready biodegradability,
 - photodegradation rate and identity of breakdown products,
 - hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products;
 - (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III and in particular the effects on aquatic organisms;
 - (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use, containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
- (b) This evaluation will include:
- (i) the fate and distribution of residues of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, breakdown and reaction products in water, sediment or fish;
 - (ii) a calculation of the acute toxicity/exposure ratio for fish and Daphnia. This ratio is defined as the quotient of respectively acute LC_{50} or EC_{50} and the predicted short-term environmental concentration;
 - (iii) a calculation of the algal growth inhibition/exposure ratio for algae. This ratio is defined as the quotient of the EC_{50} and the predicted short-term environmental concentration;
 - (iv) a calculation of the long-term toxicity/exposure ratio for fish and Daphnia. The long-term toxicity/exposure ratio is defined as the quotient of the NOEC and the predicted long-term environmental concentration;

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- (v) where relevant, the bioconcentration in fish and possible exposure of predators of fish, including humans;
- (vi) if the plant protection product is to be applied directly to surface water, the effect on the change of surface water quality, such as pH or dissolved oxygen content.

2.5.2.3. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of honeybees to the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall evaluate the short-term and long-term risk to be expected for honeybees after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

- (a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:
 - (i) the specific information on toxicity to honeybees as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
 - (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,
 - photodegradation rate and identity of breakdown products,
 - mode of action (e. g. insect growth regulating activity);
 - (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the toxicity to honeybees;
 - (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use, containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
- (b) This evaluation will include:
 - (i) the ratio between the maximum application rate expressed in grammes of active substance per hectare and the contact and oral LD₅₀ expressed in µg of active substance per bee (hazard quotients) and where necessary the persistence of residues on or, where relevant, in the treated plants;
 - (ii) where relevant, the effects on honeybee larvae, honeybee behaviour, colony survival and development after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

2.5.2.4. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of beneficial arthropods other than honeybees to the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they will assess the lethal and sublethal effects on these organisms to be expected and the reduction in their activity after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information on toxicity to honeybees and other beneficial arthropods as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - vapour pressure,
 - photodegradation rate and identity of breakdown products,
 - mode of action (e. g. insect growth regulating activity);
- (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III such as:
 - effects on beneficial arthropods other than bees,
 - toxicity to honeybees,
 - available data from biological primary screening,
 - maximum application rate,
 - maximum number and timetable of applications;
- (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use, containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues.

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2.5.2.5. Member States shall evaluate the possibility of exposure of earthworms and other non-target soil macro-organisms to the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use; if this possibility exists they shall evaluate the degree of short-term and long-term risk to be expected to these organisms after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

(a) This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the specific information relating to the toxicity of the active substance to earthworms and to other non-target soil macro-organisms as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) other relevant information on the active substance such as:
 - solubility in water,
 - octanol/water partition coefficient,
 - K_d for adsorption,
 - vapour pressure,
 - hydrolysis rate in relation to pH and identity of breakdown products,
 - photodegradation rate and identity of breakdown products,
 - DT_{50} and DT_{90} for degradation in the soil;
- (iii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the effects on earthworms and other non-target soil macro-organisms;
- (iv) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of envisaged use, containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;

(b) This evaluation will include:

- (i) the lethal and sublethal effects,
- (ii) the predicted initial and long-term environmental concentration,
- (iii) a calculation of the acute toxicity/exposure ratio (defined as the quotient of LC_{50} and predicted initial environmental concentration) and of the long-term toxicity/exposure ratio (defined as the quotient of the NOEC and predicted long-term environmental concentration),
- (iv) where relevant, the bioconcentration and persistence of residues in earthworms.

2.5.2.6. Member States shall, where the evaluation carried out under Part B, point 2.5.1.1, does not exclude the possibility of the plant protection product reaching the soil under the proposed conditions of use, evaluate the impact on microbial activity such as the impact on nitrogen and carbon mineralization processes in the soil after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) all relevant information on the active substance, including the specific information relating to the effects of non-target soil micro-organisms as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) all relevant information on the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III, including the effects on non-target soil micro-organisms;
- (iii) where relevant, other authorized uses of plant protection products in the area of proposed use, containing the same active substance or which give rise to the same residues;
- (iv) all available information from biological primary screening.

2.6. *Analytical methods*

Member States shall evaluate the analytical methods proposed for post-registration control and monitoring purposes, to determine:

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2.6.1. for formulation analysis:

the nature and quantity of the active substance(s) in the plant protection product and, where appropriate, any toxicologically, ecotoxicologically or environmentally significant impurities and co-formulants.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the data on analytical methods as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) the data on analytical methods as provided for in Annex III and in particular:
 - the specificity and linearity of the proposed methods,
 - the importance of interferences,
 - the precision of the proposed methods (intra-laboratory repeatability and inter-laboratory reproducibility);
- (iii) the limit of detection and determination of the proposed methods for impurities.

2.6.2. for residue analysis:

the residues of the active substance, metabolites, breakdown or reaction products resulting from authorized uses of the plant protection product and which are of toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental significance.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the data on analytical methods as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) the data on analytical methods as provided for in Annex III and in particular:
 - the specificity of the proposed methods,
 - the precision of the proposed methods (intra-laboratory repeatability and inter-laboratory reproducibility),
 - the recovery rate of the proposed methods at appropriate concentrations;
- (iii) the limit of detection of the proposed methods;
- (iv) the limit of determination of the proposed methods.

2.7. *Physical and chemical properties*

2.7.1. Member States shall evaluate the actual active substance content of the plant protection product and its stability during storage.

2.7.2. Member States shall evaluate the physical and chemical properties of the plant protection product and in particular:

- where a suitable FAO specification exists, the physical and chemical properties addressed in that specification,
- where no suitable FAO specification exists, all the relevant physical and chemical properties for the formulation as referred to in the 'Manual on the development and use of FAO specifications for plant protection products'.

This evaluation will take into consideration the following information:

- (i) the data on the physical and chemical properties of the active substance as provided for in Annex II and the results of the evaluation thereof;
- (ii) the data on the physical and chemical properties of the plant protection product as provided for in Annex III.

2.7.3. Where proposed label claims include requirements or recommendations for use of the plant protection product with other plant protection products or adjuvants as a tank mix, the physical and chemical compatibility of the products in the mixture must be evaluated.

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1. Where appropriate, Member States shall impose conditions or restrictions with the authorizations they grant. The nature and severity of these measures must be selected on the basis of, and be appropriate to, the nature and extent of the expected advantages and the risks likely to arise.
2. Member States shall ensure that, where necessary, decisions taken with respect to the granting of authorizations take account of the agricultural, plant health or environmental (including climatic) conditions in the areas of envisaged use. Such considerations may result in specific conditions and restrictions of use, and, where necessary, in authorization being granted for some but not other areas within the Member State in question.
3. Member States shall ensure that the authorized amounts, in terms of rates and number of applications, are the minimum necessary to achieve the desired effect even where higher amounts would not result in unacceptable risks to human or animal health or to the environment. The authorized amounts must be differentiated according to, and be appropriate to, the agricultural, plant health or environmental (including climatic) conditions in the various areas for which an authorization is granted. However, the rates and the number of applications may not give rise to undesirable effects such as the development of resistance.
4. Member States shall ensure that decisions respect the principles of integrated control if the product is intended to be used in conditions where these principles are relied on.
5. Since the evaluation is to be based on data concerning a limited number of representative species, Member States shall ensure that use of plant protection products does not have any long-term repercussions for the abundance and diversity of non-target species.
6. Before issuing an authorization, Member States shall ensure that the label of the product:
 - fulfils the requirements of Article 16 of this Directive,
 - also contains the information on protection of users required by Community legislation on worker protection,
 - specifies in particular the conditions or restrictions under which the plant protection product may or may not be used as referred to in points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above.

The authorization shall mention the particulars indicated in Article 6 (2) (g) and (h), (3) and (4) of Council Directive 78/631/EEC of 26 June 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (pesticides)⁽¹⁾ and in Article 16 (g) and (h) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

7. Before issuing authorizations, Member States shall:
 - (a) ensure that the proposed packaging is in accordance with the provisions of Directive 78/631/EEC;
 - (b) ensure that:
 - the procedures for destruction of the plant protection product,
 - the procedures for neutralization of the adverse effects of the product if it is accidentally dispersed, and
 - the procedures for the decontamination and destruction of the packagings,
 are in accordance with the relevant regulatory provisions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 206, 29. 7. 1978, p. 13. Directive as last amended by Directive 92/32/EEC (OJ L 154, 5. 6. 1992, p. 1).

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8. No authorization shall be granted unless all the requirements referred to in Section 2 are satisfied. However:
- (a) when one or more of the specific decision-making requirements referred to in Part C, points 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 or 2.7, are not fully satisfied, authorizations shall be granted only where the advantages of the use of the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use outweigh the possible adverse effects of its use. Any restrictions on use of the product relating to non-compliance with some of the aforementioned requirements must be mentioned on the label, and non-compliance with the requirements referred to in point 2.7 must not compromise proper use of the product. These advantages can be in terms of:
 - advantages for and compatibility with integrated control measures or organic farming,
 - facilitating strategies to minimize the risk of development of resistance,
 - the need for a greater diversity of types of active substances or biochemical modes of action, e.g. for use in strategies to avoid accelerated breakdown in the soil,
 - reduced risk for operators and consumers,
 - reduced contamination of the environment and reduced impact on non-target species;
 - (b) where the criteria referred to in Part C, point 2.6, are not fully satisfied because of limitations in current analytical science and technology, authorization shall be granted for a limited period if the methods submitted prove adequate for the purposes intended. In this case the applicant shall be given a time limit in which to develop and submit analytical methods that are in accordance with the criteria referred to above. The authorization will be reviewed on expiry of the time limit accorded to the applicant;
 - (c) where the reproducibility of the submitted analytical methods referred to in Part C, point 2.6, has only been verified in two laboratories, an authorization shall be granted for one year to permit the applicant to demonstrate the reproducibility of those methods in accordance with agreed criteria.
9. Where an authorization has been granted according to the requirements provided for in this Annex, Member States may, by virtue of Article 4 (6):
- (a) define, where possible, preferably in close co-operation with the applicant, measures to improve the performance of the plant protection product, and/or
 - (b) define, where possible, in close co-operation with the applicant, measures to reduce further the exposure that could occur during and after use of the plant protection product.

Member States shall inform applicants of any measures identified under (a) or (b) and shall invite applicants to provide any supplementary data and information necessary to demonstrate performance or potential risks arising under the changed conditions.

2. **Specific principles**

The specific principles shall apply without prejudice to the general principles referred to in Section 1.

2.1. *Efficacy*

- 2.1.1. Where the proposed uses include recommendations for the control of or protection against organisms which are not considered to be harmful on the basis of experience acquired or scientific evidence under normal agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the areas of proposed use or where the other intended effects are not considered to be beneficial under those conditions, no authorization shall be granted for those uses.
- 2.1.2. The level, consistency and duration of control or protection or other intended effects must be similar to those resulting from the use of suitable reference products. If no suitable reference product exists, the plant protection product must be shown to give a defined

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benefit in terms of the level, consistency and duration of control or protection or other intended effects under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use.

- 2.1.3. Where relevant, yield response when the product is used and reduction of loss in storage must be quantitatively and/or qualitatively similar to those resulting from the use of suitable reference products. If no suitable reference product exists, the plant protection product must be shown to give a consistent and defined quantitative and/or qualitative benefit in terms of yield response and reduction of loss in storage under the agricultural, plant health and environmental (including climatic) conditions in the area of proposed use.
- 2.1.4. Conclusions as to the performance of the preparation must be valid for all areas of the Member State in which it is to be authorized, and must hold for all conditions under which its use is proposed, except where the proposed label specifies that the preparation is intended for use in certain specified circumstances (e.g. light infestations, particular soil types or particular growing conditions).
- 2.1.5. Where proposed label claims include requirements for use of the preparation with other specified plant protection products or adjuvants as a tank mix, the mixture must achieve the desired effect and comply with the principles referred to in points 2.1.1 to 2.1.4.

Where proposed label claims include recommendations for use of the preparation with specified plant protection products or adjuvants as a tank mix, Member States shall not accept the recommendations unless they are justified.

- 2.2. *Absence of unacceptable effects on plants or plant products*
- 2.2.1. There must be no relevant phytotoxic effects on treated plants or plant products except where the proposed label indicates appropriate limitations of use.
- 2.2.2. There must be no reduction of yield at harvest due to phytotoxic effects below that which could be obtained without the use of the plant protection product, unless this reduction is compensated for by other advantages such as an enhancement of the quality of the treated plants or plant products.
- 2.2.3. There must be no unacceptable adverse effects on the quality of treated plants or plant products, except in the case of adverse effects on processing where proposed label claims specify that the preparation should not be applied to crops to be used for processing purposes.
- 2.2.4. There must be no unacceptable adverse effects on treated plants or plant products used for propagation or reproduction, such as effects on viability, germination, sprouting, rooting and establishment, except where proposed label claims specify that the preparation should not be applied to plants or plant products to be used for propagation or reproduction.
- 2.2.5. There must be no unacceptable impact on succeeding crops, except where proposed label claims specify that particular crops, which would be affected, should not be grown following the treated crop.
- 2.2.6. There must be no unacceptable impact on adjacent crops, except where proposed label claims specify that the preparation should not be applied when particular sensitive adjacent crops are present.
- 2.2.7. Where proposed label claims include requirements for use of the preparation with other plant protection products or adjuvants, as a tank mix, the mixture must comply with the principles referred to in points 2.2.1 to 2.2.6.
- 2.2.8. The proposed instructions for cleaning the application equipment must be both practical and effective so that they can be applied with ease so as to ensure the removal of residual traces of the plant protection product which could subsequently cause damage.

2.3. *Impact on vertebrates to be controlled*

An authorization for a plant protection product intended to eliminate vertebrates shall be granted only when:

- death is synchronous with the extinction of consciousness, or
- death occurs immediately, or

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— vital functions are reduced gradually without signs of obvious suffering.

For repellent products, the intended effect shall be obtained without unnecessary suffering and pain for the target animals.

2.4. *Impact on human or animal health*

2.4.1. arising from the plant protection product

- 2.4.1.1. No authorization shall be granted if the extent of operator exposure in handling and using the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use, including dose and application method, exceeds the AOEL.

Moreover, the conditions of the authorization shall be in compliance with the limit value established for the active substance and/or toxicologically relevant compound(s) of the product in accordance with Council Directive 80/1107/EEC of 27 November 1980 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work⁽¹⁾ and in accordance with Council Directive 90/394/EEC of 28 June 1990 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens at work (sixth special directive within the meaning of Article 16 (2) of Directive 89/39/EEC)⁽²⁾.

- 2.4.1.2. Where the proposed conditions of use require use of items of protective clothing and equipment, no authorization shall be granted unless those items are effective and in accordance with the relevant Community provisions and are readily obtainable by the user and unless it is feasible to use them under the circumstances of use of the plant protection product, taking into account climatic conditions in particular.
- 2.4.1.3. Plant protection products which because of particular properties or if mishandled or misused could lead to a high degree of risk must be subject to particular restrictions such as restrictions on the size of packaging, formulation type, distribution, use or manner of use. Moreover, plant protection products which are classified as very toxic may not be authorized for use by non-professional users.
- 2.4.1.4. Waiting and re-entry safety periods or other precautions must be such that the exposure of bystanders or workers exposed after the application of the plant protection product does not exceed the AOEL levels established for the active substance or toxicologically relevant compound(s) in the plant protection product nor any limit values established for those compounds in accordance with the Community provisions referred to in point 2.4.1.1.
- 2.4.1.5. Waiting and re-entry safety periods or other precautions must be established in such a way that no adverse impact on animals occurs.
- 2.4.1.6. Waiting and re-entry periods or other precautions to ensure that the AOEL levels and limit values are respected must be realistic; if necessary special precautionary measures must be prescribed.

2.4.2. arising from residues

- 2.4.2.1. Authorizations must ensure that residues occurring reflect the minimum quantities of the plant protection product necessary to achieve adequate control corresponding to good agricultural practice, applied in such a manner (including pre-harvest intervals or withholding periods or storage periods) that the residues at harvest, slaughter or after storage, as appropriate, are reduced to a minimum.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 3. 12. 1980, p. 8. Directive as last amended by Directive 88/642/EEC (OJ L 356, 24. 12. 1988, p. 74).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 26. 7. 1990, p. 1. Directive as amended by Directive 97/42/EC (OJ L 179, 8. 7. 1997, p. 4).

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- 2.4.2.2. Where no Community maximum residue limit (MRL)(*) or provisional MRL (at national or at Community level) exists, Member States shall establish a provisional MRL in accordance with Article 4 (1) (f) of this Directive; conclusions as to the levels fixed must be valid for all circumstances which could influence the residue levels in the crop such as timing of application, application rate and frequency or manner of use.
- 2.4.2.3. Where the new circumstances under which the plant protection product is to be used do not correspond to those under which a provisional MRL (at national or at Community level) was established previously, Member States shall not grant an authorization for the plant protection product unless the applicant can provide evidence that its recommended use will not exceed that MRL or unless a new provisional MRL has been established by the Member State or the Commission in accordance with Article 4 (1) (f) of this Directive.
- 2.4.2.4. Where a Community MRL exists Member States shall not grant an authorization for the plant protection product unless the applicant can provide evidence that its recommended use will not exceed that MRL, or unless a new Community MRL has been established in accordance with the procedure provided for in the relevant Community legislation.
- 2.4.2.5. In the cases referred to in points 2.4.2.2 and 2.4.2.3, each application for an authorization must be accompanied by a risk assessment taking into account worst-case potential exposure of consumers in the Member State concerned on the basis of good agricultural practice.
- Taking into account all registered uses, the proposed use cannot be authorized if the best possible estimate of dietary exposure exceeds the ADI.
- 2.4.2.6. Where the nature of residues is affected during processing, a separate risk assessment may need to be carried out under the conditions provided for in point 2.4.2.5.
- 2.4.2.7. Where the treated plants or plant products are intended to be fed to animals, residues occurring shall not have an adverse effect on animal health.

2.5. *Influence on the environment*

2.5.1. Fate and distribution in the environment

- 2.5.1.1. No authorization shall be granted if the active substance and, where they are of significance from the toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental point of view, metabolites and breakdown or reaction products, after use of the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use:
- during tests in the field, persist in soil for more than one year (i.e. $DT_{90} > 1$ year and $DT_{50} > 3$ months), or

(*) A Community MRL will mean an MRL established pursuant to Council Directive 76/895/EEC of 23 November 1976 relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, Council Directive 86/362/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals ⁽²⁾, Council Directive 86/363/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on foodstuffs of animal origin ⁽³⁾, Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin ⁽⁴⁾, Council Directive 90/642/EEC of 27 November 1990 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables ⁽⁵⁾ or Council Directive 91/132/EEC of 4 March 1991 amending Directive 74/63/EEC on undesirable substances and products in feeding-stuffs ⁽⁶⁾.

(1) OJ L 340, 9. 12. 1976, p. 26. Directive as last amended by Directive 97/41/EC (OJ L 184, 12. 7. 1997, p. 33).

(2) OJ L 221, 7. 8. 1986, p. 37. Directive as last amended by Directive 97/41/EC (OJ L 184, 12. 7. 1997, p. 33).

(3) OJ L 221, 7. 8. 1986, p. 43. Directive as last amended by Directive 97/41/EC (OJ L 184, 12. 7. 1997, p. 33).

(4) OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 749/97 (OJ L 110, 26. 4. 1997, p. 24).

(5) OJ L 350, 14. 12. 1990, p. 71. Directive as amended by Directive 97/41/EC (OJ L 184, 12. 7. 1997, p. 33).

(6) OJ L 66, 13. 3. 1991, p. 16.

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- during laboratory tests, form non-extractable residues in amounts exceeding 70 % of the initial dose after 100 days with a mineralization rate of less than 5 % in 100 days,

unless it is scientifically demonstrated that under field conditions there is no accumulation in soil at such levels that unacceptable residues in succeeding crops occur and/or that unacceptable phytotoxic effects on succeeding crops occur and/or that there is an unacceptable impact on the environment, according to the relevant requirements provided for in points 2.5.1.2, 2.5.1.3, 2.5.1.4 and 2.5.2.

- 2.5.1.2. No authorization shall be granted if the concentration of the active substance or of relevant metabolites, degradation or reaction products in groundwater, may be expected to exceed, as a result of use of the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use, the lower of the following limit values:

- (i) the maximum permissible concentration laid down by Council Directive 80/778/EEC ⁽¹⁾ of 15 July 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption, or
- (ii) the maximum concentration laid down by the Commission when including the active substance in Annex I, on the basis of appropriate data, in particular toxicological data, or, where that concentration has not been laid down, the concentration corresponding to one tenth of the ADI laid down when the active substance was included in Annex I

unless it is scientifically demonstrated that under relevant field conditions the lower concentration is not exceeded.

- 2.5.1.3. No authorization shall be granted if the concentration of the active substance or of relevant metabolites, breakdown or reaction products to be expected after use of the plant protection product under the proposed conditions of use in surface water:

- exceeds, where the surface water in or from the area of envisaged use is intended for the abstraction of drinking water, the values fixed by Council Directive 75/440/EEC of 16 June 1975 concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States ⁽²⁾, or
- has an impact deemed unacceptable on non-target species, including animals, according to the relevant requirements provided for in point 2.5.2.

The proposed instructions for use of the plant protection product, including procedures for cleaning application equipment, must be such that the likelihood of accidental contamination of surface water is reduced to a minimum.

- 2.5.1.4. No authorization shall be granted if the airborne concentration of the active substance under the proposed conditions of use is such that either the AOEL or the limit values for operators, bystanders or workers as referred to in Part C, point 2.4.1, are exceeded.

2.5.2. Impact on non-target species

- 2.5.2.1. Where there is a possibility of birds and other non-target terrestrial vertebrates being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if:

- the acute and short-term toxicity/exposure ratio for birds and other non-target terrestrial vertebrates is less than 10 on the basis of LD₅₀ or the long-term toxicity/exposure ratio is less than 5, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions no unacceptable impact occurs after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use;
- the bioconcentration factor (BCF, related to fat tissue) is greater than 1, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions no unacceptable effects occur — directly or indirectly — after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 229, 30. 8. 1980, p. 11. Directive as last amended by Directive 91/692/EEC (OJ L 377, 31. 12. 1991, p. 48).

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 194, 25. 7. 1975, p. 34. Directive as last amended by Directive 91/692/EEC (OJ No L 377, 31. 12. 1991, p. 48).

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2.5.2.2. Where there is a possibility of aquatic organisms being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if:

- the toxicity/exposure ratio for fish and Daphnia is less than 100 for acute exposure and less than 10 for long-term exposure, or
- the algal growth inhibition/exposure ratio is less than 10, or
- the maximum bioconcentration factor (BCF) is greater than 1 000 for plant protection products containing active substances which are readily biodegradable or greater than 100 for those which are not readily biodegradable,

unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions no unacceptable impact on the viability of exposed species (predators) occurs — directly or indirectly — after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

2.5.2.3. Where there is a possibility of honeybees being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if the hazard quotients for oral or contact exposure of honeybees are greater than 50, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions there are no unacceptable effects on honeybee larvae, honeybee behaviour, or colony survival and development after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

2.5.2.4. Where there is a possibility of beneficial arthropods other than honeybees being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if more than 30 % of the test organisms are affected in lethal or sublethal laboratory tests conducted at the maximum proposed application rate, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions there is no unacceptable impact on those organisms after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use. Any claims for selectivity and proposals for use in integrated pest management systems shall be substantiated by appropriate data.

2.5.2.5. Where there is a possibility of earthworms being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if the acute toxicity/exposure ratio for earthworms is less than 10 or the long-term toxicity/exposure ratio is less than 5, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions earthworm populations are not at risk after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use.

2.5.2.6. Where there is a possibility of non-target soil micro-organisms being exposed, no authorization shall be granted if the nitrogen or carbon mineralization processes in laboratory studies are affected by more than 25 % after 100 days, unless it is clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions there is no unacceptable impact on microbial activity after use of the plant protection product according to the proposed conditions of use, taking account of the ability of micro-organisms to multiply.

2.6. *Analytical methods*

The methods proposed must reflect the state of the art. The following criteria must be met in order to permit validation of the analytical methods proposed for post-registration control and monitoring purposes:

2.6.1. for formulation analysis:

the method must be able to determine and to identify the active substance(s) and where appropriate any toxicologically, ecotoxicologically or environmentally significant impurities and co-formulants;

2.6.2. for residue analysis:

- (i) the method must be able to determine and confirm residues of toxicological, ecotoxicological or environmental significance;
- (ii) the mean recovery rates should be between 70 % and 110 % with a relative standard deviation of ≤ 20 %;
- (iii) the repeatability must be less than the following values for residues in foodstuffs:

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Residue level mg/kg	Difference mg/kg	Difference in %
0,01	0,005	50
0,1	0,025	25
1	0,125	12,5
> 1		12,5

Intermediate values are determined by interpolation from a log-log graph;

- (iv) the reproducibility must be less than the following values for residues in foodstuffs:

Residue level mg/kg	Difference mg/kg	Difference in %
0,01	0,01	100
0,1	0,05	50
1	0,25	25
> 1		25

Intermediate values are determined by interpolation from a log-log graph;

- (v) in the case of residue analysis in treated plants, plant products, foodstuffs, feedingstuffs or products of animal origin, except where the MRL or the proposed MRL is at the limit of determination, the sensitivity of the methods proposed must satisfy the following criteria:

Limit of determination in relation to the proposed provisional or Community MRL:

MRL (mg/kg)	limit of determination (mg/kg)
>0,5	0,1
0,5 – 0,05	0,1 – 0,02
<0,05	LMR × 0,5

2.7. *Physical and chemical properties*

- 2.7.1. Where an appropriate FAO specification exists, that specification must be met.
- 2.7.2. Where no appropriate FAO specification exists, the physical and chemical properties of the product must meet the following requirements

- (a) Chemical properties:

Throughout the shelf-life period, the difference between the stated and the actual content of the active substance in the plant protection product must not exceed the following values:

Declared content in g/kg or g/l at 20 °C	Tolerance
up to 25	± 15 % homogeneous formulation ± 25 % non-homogeneous formulation
more than 25 up to 100	± 10 %
more than 100 up to 250	± 6 %
more than 250 up to 500	± 5 %
more than 500	± 25 g/kg or ± 25 g/l

- (b) Physical properties:

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The plant protection product must fulfil the physical criteria (including storage stability) specified for the relevant formulation type in the 'Manual on the development and use of FAO specifications for plant protection products'.

- 2.7.3. Where the proposed label claims include requirements or recommendations for use of the preparation with other plant protection products or adjuvants as a tank mix and/or where the proposed label includes indications on the compatibility of the preparation with other plant protection products as a tank mix, those products or adjuvants must be physically and chemically compatible in the tank mix.