

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COPA-COGECA WORKING PARTY ON PHYTOSANITARY QUESTIONS ON 8th March 2012

PRESENT: PEETERS, VAN WENUM, GEORGE, SHARMAN, MATOUSEK, HOWARD, NICOLAI, CORBALAN, GARCIA VERDE, FERNANDEZ AGUSTIN, POMMARET, DE BLAISER, ZETTER, VOIJS

SECRETARIAT: DI RUBBO

GUESTS: ROTTEVEEL (DG SANCO), CARRY (IBMA)

1. The agenda was adopted.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting of the Working Party were approved [PHY\(12\)1392 \(rev.1\)](#).
3. **Latest developments at the Commission on minor uses and speciality crops** – Anton Rotteveel from DG SANCO gave an update on the Commission's report expected to be published in 2012 [PHY\(12\)1250 \(rev.1\)](#), [PHY\(12\)947 \(rev.2\)](#).

Members were informed that DG SANCO was planning to set up an EU platform to coordinate existing activities across EU Member States on minor uses and specialty crops. The coordinating role would be left to Member States as DG SANCO did not want to be directly involved. Copa-Cogeca reaffirmed the need to act quickly on this dossier and that co-financing mechanisms for field trials were also needed at EU level.

4. Luc Peeters gave an update on the **Second Global Minor Use Summit** held at the FAO on 21st -23rd February and upcoming activities/events. More details were available at www.gmup.org and [PHY\(12\)1381 \(rev.1\)](#).
5. Anton Rotteveel (DG SANCO) gave an update on new **guidance** being developed by the European Commission on implementing the **120 day authorisation procedure at Member State level**. He pointed out that the aim of this guidance was to clarify how to implement the procedure across the EU, to ensure harmonisation and avoid distortion of competition and trade. It was expected to be published within the next few weeks in SCoFCAH.
6. Members were informed about Copa-Cogeca's new *modus operandi* for supporting specific active substances within Regulation 1107/2009. It was made clear that Copa-Cogeca intended to work more closely with ECPA rather than individual companies when it comes to supporting specific compounds. To apply for support, a joint e-mail along with ECPA would need to be sent to DG SANCO and/or relevant DGs, with the excel file available on Agri Info ([PHY\(11\)8429 \(rev.1\)](#)) filled in and attached.

7. Members were updated on recent developments regarding resubmitting soil fumigants and other key active substances at EU level.
8. **National fees for the authorisation of plant protection products:** art.40 (mutual recognition), art.51 (extension to minor uses), and art.52 (parallel trade).

The Austrian delegation presented this point and it was agreed that the Secretariat would collect more information either through ECPA or Copa-Cogeca national organisations to have a clearer picture of national fees at EU level.

9. Members were informed about the upcoming **consultation on monitoring and surveillance activities**, including communication with the public and awareness raising programmes in Member States on the impact of PPPs on human health and the environment [PHY\(12\)1388 \(rev.1\)](#).
10. Members were informed about recent developments regarding the revision of the **Community Plant Health Regime** (CPHR) [PHY\(11\)8538 \(rev.2\)](#).
11. The Dutch delegation (Van Wenum) gave an update on recent developments on **emergency measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of *Anoplophora chinensis*** [PHY\(12\)1640 \(rev.1\)](#).

It was agreed that Copa-Cogeca would send a letter to DG SANCO, requesting existing emergency measures in place to be maintained due to the high risk of this harmful organism being introduced into Europe [PHY\(12\)1911 \(rev.2\)](#).

12. David Cary from the **International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association (IBMA)** gave an overview of ongoing activities within his organisation regarding the development of new biological PPPs in Europe.

Members welcomed the possibility for closer cooperation with IBMA in view of the future challenges in implementing IPM principles from 1st January 2014.
Members were informed of the results of the **internal consultation on basic and low-risk substances under Regulation 1107/2009** [PHY\(12\)702 \(rev.1\)](#).
It was agreed that the conclusions of this survey would provide the basis of Copa-Cogeca's response to the upcoming official consultation of the European Commission.

13. Members were informed about Copa-Cogeca's contribution to the **EFSA consultation on Guidance on the Use of Probabilistic Methodology for Modelling Dietary Exposure to Pesticide Residues**. More information available in [PHY\(12\)1382 \(rev.1\)](#) and [PHY\(12\)1406 \(rev.2\)](#).
14. Members were informed of the outcome of the **EU Acropolis project** – risk assessment of pesticide residues and cumulative exposure to pesticides [PHY\(12\)1383 \(rev.1\)](#).
15. It was agreed that the next Working Party on Phytosanitary Questions would be organised in line with the Commission's report on minor uses and specialty crops and the plant health law.