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Freshfel food and plant safety activities

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General topics

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AFCRT PP



Quarterly meetings of 22 agri-food associations

Key agenda topics for AFCRT for PP

- Policy developments including: Endocrine Disruptors (EDs), REFIT of Reg. 1107/2009 and 396/2005
- Update on other regulatory matters: glyphosate, dimethoate, chlorate, neonicotinoids, etc.
- **Pan-European authorization for PPP for speciality crops**
- Residue issues:
 - **Improving AFCRT members' cooperation for PPP and MRL monitoring**
 - Identified problems in the MRL process
 - Roundtable input on transparency in MRL process
 - Private standards: latest version and way forward
- **Update on ECPA #WithOrWithout campaign**



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Pan-European authorization for PPP for minor use and speciality crops



- In March, the European Minor Uses Coordination Facility (MUCF) organised its Plenary Session combined with Individual Commodity Expert Groups and Horizontal Expert Group
- AFCRT for PP presentation on MUSC at the MUCF meeting:
 - Need of a definition on minor use/speciality crops (MUSC)
 - Better use of zonal existing mutual recognition & explore EU authorisation for MUSC not prescribe by legislation
 - Foster interzonal cooperation/enhance mutual recognition and move to single zone concept for MUSC
 - Build on the one zone concept already in place in Reg 1107/2009 for plant protection products used in greenhouses (protected crops), in storage or as a seed treatment
 - Ongoing REFIT evaluation of both Regulation 396/2005 and 1107/2009 => opportunity of further review



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Pan-European authorization for PPP for minor use and speciality crops



Way forward:

- Addressing lack of confidence among MS => need to build trust within the European arena: Unique role for the Minor Use Coordination Facility Secretariat
- EU recognition and commitment on MUSC to be long-term: continuation of the Secretariat beyond the first 3 years of operation
- On-going relevance of the matter not only for SANTE but also for AGR1
- Relevance of building budget for trials. Such a scheme (PIP) was already funded (30 Mio €) by DG DEVCO for developing countries and now continued with FIT for market (25 Mio €), but nothing is in place for EU growers!
- Need of PPP Cie to also internally restructure to accommodate pan-European authorisations
- On-going support and expectations from the AFCRT

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ECPA campaign #withorwithout



Mixed feelings from Freshfel on #withorwithout

- F&V used as key visuals of the campaign and questionable relation to food waste
- Challenging the efforts of industry regarding responsible use and reducing pesticide dependency



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ECPA campaign #withorwithout



Mixed feelings from Freshfel on #withorwithout

- Reference to food and feed, but only F&V on the visual

Key fact: The responsible & sustainable use of #pesticides contributes to ensure we meet growing food demands #WithOrWithout

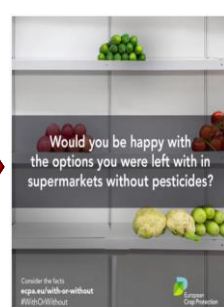


ECPA campaign #withorwithout



Mixed feelings from Freshfel on #withorwithout

- Food security and fresh produce – not a key issue. Availability more depending of climatic conditions rather than access to PPP





ECPA campaign #withorwithout



Mixed feelings from Freshfel on #withorwithout

- Scaremongering concerns on quality and price impact



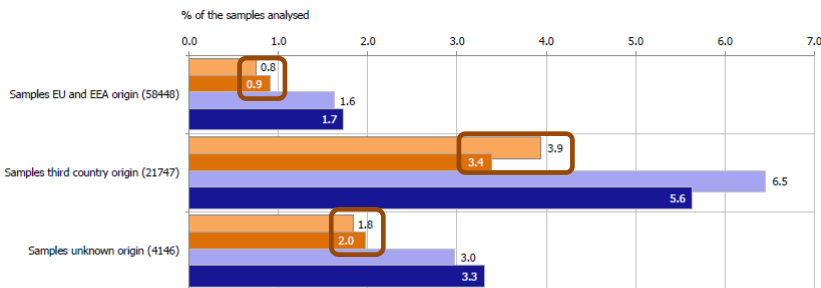
Ever considered the impact on price and quality of supermarket fruits and vegetables without pesticides? #WithOrWithout #pesticides



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MRL exceedance and non-compliance rates by sample's origin



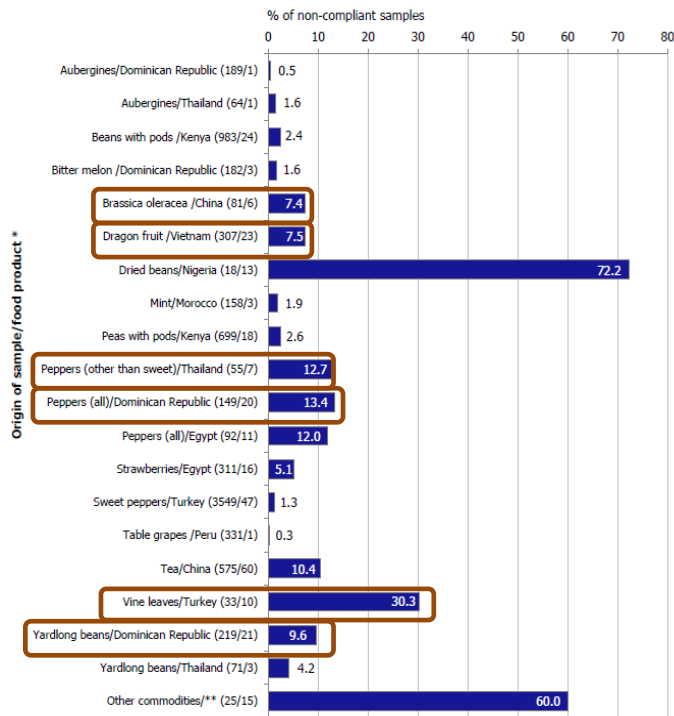
* Samples where enforcement action was taken (clear exceedance of the MRL, taking into account measurement uncertainty)
 The numbers in brackets refer to the number of samples analysed in 2015

Percentage of samples compliant with the legal limit/exceeding the legal limit (MRL) by origin

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**MRL
exceedance
and non-
compliance
rates by
commodity
imported
from non-EU
country**



Private retailer requirements



- Following Freshfel' s meeting on 3 December 2015, Freshfel collected data on private retailer requirements.
- [The overview](#) provides information on the requirements of retailers/discounters located in: AT, BE, DK, DE, FI, FR, IT, NO, ES, CH, NL.
- Overview shared with members via Freshfel NLS.

Retailer	Country	Max. %MRL/active substance	Max. sum %MRL/sample	Max. %ARD/ active substance	Max. sum %ARD/sample	Max. nr. of active substances /sample
ALDI	AU	70%	80%	80%	80%	3-5 Black list
Billa	AU	Follow Pesticide reduction programme of Global 2000 Austria –based on most vulnerable consumers Cumulated PRP residues limit apply				

The overview is updated on a regular basis – **any amendments to the current version?**
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Euromix stakeholders' survey towards testing and risk assessment of chemical mixtures

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About the EuroMix consortium



- 22 European institutes involved :
 1. 10 institutes with lab facilities
 2. computational science and modelers
 3. risk assessment experts
 4. national food authorities
- 8M € EU funding Horizon 2020 and additional national funding
- 4 years project
- 4 third parties for international harmonization :
 1. World Health Organization (WHO)
 2. US-EPA
 3. Health Canada
 4. University of Brasilia
- Kick-off meeting 20-21 May 2015

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Evaluation and fitness check roadmap of Reg. 1107/2009 & Reg. 396/2005

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REFIT evaluation: Freshfel's contribution



- Striking the right balance between different policies
- Minor use, speciality crops and zonal authorisations
- Availability of new tools
- Addressing some loopholes of the legislation and maintain a uniform application of the legislation across the EU
- Getting confidence in the legislation

- Ongoing selection of consultancy which will carry out the study
- Interviews with the stakeholders from the industry
- Drafting of report. Will the report be finalised with current Commission...

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Overview of PPPs dossiers

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Pending dossiers



- ED: Discussion and possible opinion on 17-18 May: the same proposal as the one of 28 February 2017 (Draft no longer contained provisions on derogation which would allow authorisation of substances in cases when they pose only negligible risk)

**BG, DE, ES, HR,
IT, LU, NL, AT,
PT, RO, FI**

**BE, IE, GR, CY,
HU, MT, PL, UK**

**CZ, DK, EE,
FR, LV, SI,
SK, SE**

- Neonics: Commission has [proposed](#) a full ban on pesticide substances (Clothianidin, Imidacloprid and Thiamethoxam), unless F&V grown inside permanent greenhouses. Bee guidance document discussed and not adopted since 4 years ago => diverse views among MSs & EFSA opinion to be published end 2017, based on bee guidance document

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Pending dossiers



- Dimethoate : FR reconducs its ban, based on origin not on residue testings
 - DPA :temporary cross contamination level of 0,1ppm to LOD of 0,05 ppm?
 - TBZ : unexpected review of MRL for selected products
 - Ethylene : towards a renewal in 2022 , evaluation of registration renewal based on a status of basic substances
 - Fosetyl-al : on-going concerns and lack of consistency/coherence of MRL because of data availability
 - Chlorate : lack of decisions impacting trade and confidence in decision process
- ⇒ Industry call for more transparency and more monitoring of potential changes (EFSA opinion
- Contaminants : Mercury(MRL for natural occurrence), perchlorate, mineral oils
 - Biocides (vinager in traps)

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Thank you

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