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INFORMATION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products)
Subject: Presentation prepared by the Commission services

Delegations will find attached the presentation on SUD Report to Council and Parliament presented by the Commission services at informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Agricultural Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) on 22 July 2020.
Council Working Party on Agricultural Questions

SUD Report to Council and Parliament

Andrew Owen-Griffiths SANTE F3

22 July 2020
Farm to Fork Strategy: overall goals

- Reduce the **environmental and climate footprint** of the food system
- Lead a **global transition** towards competitive sustainability from farm to fork
- Tap into **new opportunities**
- Create a **robust and resilient** food system
2030 Targets for sustainable food production

Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous pesticides.

Reduce nutrient losses by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of fertilisers by at least 20%.

Reduce sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50%.

Achieve at least 25% of the EU’s agricultural land under organic farming and a significant increase in organic aquaculture.
Sustainable Use of Pesticides reports

- SUD (Dir 2009/128/EC) entered into force on 26 Nov 2011
- First report to EP due Nov 2014
  - Published October 2017
  - Better implementation needed
  - Better NAPs with clear measurable targets needed
- Second report to EP due by 26 Nov 2018
  - Published May 2020
  - Delayed to give period improvement from 2017
  - Part of F2F communication package
NAPs

• >2/3 of MS failed to complete the review of their initial NAP within 5 yr legal deadline

• 15 revised NAPs reviewed for the report
  • 13 risk reduction and 2 use reduction
  • Most MS have not addressed the weaknesses in their initial NAPs
  • Only DK, FR and LU set high level targets in revised NAPs
  • Just half of revised NAPs identify priority items/good practices
Commission actions

• BTSF courses
• Range of low-risk, non-chemical and basic active substances is increasing
• Funding research into alternatives
• SUD WG & SUD web-portal
• Current CAP – supports organic
• New CAP – parts of SUD, links to F2F targets on PPPs and organic – NSPs and eco-schemes
• Audits and surveys to monitor implementation
• Infringement actions
Progress.....

- 10% improvement in overall implementation of the SUD (compliance-monitoring index) 2017 to 2019
- Background to compliance-monitoring index
- Areas where implementation is strongest
  - Training of operators
  - Aerial Spraying
  - Water protection
  - Safe handling and storage of pesticides
But, the weakest areas are……

• NAPs and targets

• IPM
  • enforcement is low
  • limited evidence that IPM principles are systematically applied

• significant potential to further reduce risk
  • more complete implementation of the SUD
  • greater adoption of IPM
  • more widespread adoption of non-chemical pest control techniques
### HRI Groups and Categories

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- Which are not classified as: Carcinogenic 1A or 1B and/or Reprotox 1A or 1B and/or ED
- Which are classified as: Carcinogenic 1A or 1B and/or Reprotox 1A or 1B and/or ED

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*European Commission*
HRI 1 – Progress to date
Target 2: 50% reduction in CfS

• Why?: CfS are the most hazardous approved PPPs. Therefore, reducing their use will significantly reduce risk

• CfS comprise 1/7 of all approved active substances
HRI II (50 % increase)

EU-28 HRI2, 2011-2017
Public feedback

• Combined evaluation roadmap and inception impact assessment for planned SUD revision

• Published 29 May, open for public feedback until 7 August

• Via Better Regulation portal website

• https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12413-Sustainable-use-of-pesticides-revision-of-the-EU-rules

• Feedback will be taken into account by the Commission during the procedure, including in planning supporting external study terms of reference
Planned external study to support initiative

• To support combined evaluation and impact assessment ("back-to-back" initiative)

• Preliminary results from evaluation will inform policy options to be considered for the subsequent impact assessment

• External study will include stakeholder consultation events, interviews, surveys, questionnaires, workshops etc.

• Stakeholders will be welcome to provide input, position papers etc.
• Both the external study contractor and the Commission will organise stakeholder consultation events

• An online public consultation/Have Your Say event will be organised not before December 2020

• A dedicated BTSF event with MS was scheduled for April 2020 but currently postponed due to covid-19

• Legislative proposal planned to be finalised Q1 2022

• You and your colleagues will be kept informed of ongoing developments, via SUD WG, PAFF, SUD webportal/SANTE website etc.