

Conclusions of Session 3

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Topics discussed

- Presentation of article 8.4
- Inquiry 13790 respect vs. national regulations
- Standards applicable on different types of machines
- Possibility to use 13790 (or parts) for other similar sprayers (i.e. German example)
- Possibility to simplify the requirements
- Takes time to develop new standards → use of parts already available
- But maybe difficult to read for inspectors if they do not have the specific procedure

Some conclusions

- Harmonized standards are necessary for uniform inspection of PAE in use
- Impossible to realize dynamic test without specific procedure
- Mr. Osteroth presented proposal should be evaluated as a way to accelerate the updating standardization process.
- Development of harmonized standards for inspection of PAE in use stated in article 8 of the FWD is necessary

Listing of subjects to be dealt with by SWG

The SPISE working group should continue its work on advising on technical aspects of inspections in the Member States, and that it may serve as a pool of experts for questions on PAE, in particular plant protection equipment. The SPISE working group should develop its collaboration with the European Commission and CEN in the near future concerning harmonized standards.

Inquiry concerning importance of creating or extending EN Standards

Immediately after the Session 3 it was carried out an inquiry concerning the importance of creating new standards or updating existing standards. With this the participants were requested to determine for which kind of pesticide application equipment a standard is most important and to allocate numbers from 10 to 0 following the importance. For the following list all data coming from one country were averaged and then the results from all countries added. The list (table 1) of importance shows the calculated points in descending order.

Tab. 1 List of importance of creating or extending EN-Standards

| Kind of equipment | Points | Kind of equipment | Points |
|---|--------|--|--------|
| Boom sprayers | 166 | Foggers | 75 |
| Mist blowers | 159 | Sulphur powder spreader | 72 |
| Motorised knapsack sprayers | 110 | Cannons | 59 |
| Aircraft sprayers | 107 | Chemical soil treatment | 49 |
| Band sprayers including those connected with seeder | 103 | Whippers | 27 |
| Seeders and granular application | 97 | spray equipment in green houses | 10 |
| Seed treatment machine | 97 | air blast sprayers without hydraulic nozzles | 10 |
| Knapp-sack sprayers | 88 | spray guns | 10 |
| Hand operated sprayers | 86 | spray equipment in vegetables and berries (no boom sprayers or mist blowers) | 9 |
| Spray trains | 77 | nozzles | 6 |
| | | Others | 1 |