

PESTICIDES

Pesticides are used to kill or control harmful organisms, but can also cause adverse effects on non-target organisms

BACKGROUND

Pesticides in the EU are covered by legislation governing Plant Protection Products (PPP) and Biocidal Products. Before they can be commercialised, they need to be authorised. The authorisation process requires safety tests to be conducted, using large numbers of animals (approximately 6500). Similarly with biocides this covers the safety testing of products and ingredients before they may be placed on the market.

CURRENT SITUATION

The authorisation of PPP and biocidal products in the EU are regulated by Regulation 1107/2009/EU and Regulation 528/2012, respectively. Data requirements now include latest scientific state-of-the-art in safety testing decreasing the need for animal use. Eurogroup follows developments by participation as a stakeholder in various committee meetings at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and within the Commission services.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Applicants must ensure they share data on vertebrate animals.
- The use of non-animal test methods among data required before a product can be put on the market.
- The speedy uptake of internationally accepted alternative methods into legislation.

RELATED LINKS

- [Eurogroup for Animals comment on the use of CO2 as a Biocide](#)

More on Biocidal Products Regulation

- [Text of Regulation 528/2012](#)
- [European chemical's Agency \(ECHA\) page on Biocides](#)
- [European Commission website on Biocides](#)
- [Council position of 21 June 2011 on biocidal products](#)
- [Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market](#)
- [Briefing by HSI, Eurogroup for Animals and Deutscher Tierschutzbund: Proposal for a Regulation on Biocidal Products](#)

More on Plant Protection Products (PPP)

- [Text of Regulation 1107/2009](#)
- [European Commission website on Pesticides](#)
- [European Food Safety Authority webpage on PPP](#)