Minor uses and plant protection products in regulation (EC) no 1107/2009

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Legal background-Aim

Extension of authorisation to minor uses

The economic incentive for industry to apply for an authorisation is limited for certain uses. In order to ensure that diversification of agriculture and horticulture is not jeopardised by the lack of availability of plant protection products, specific rules should be established for minor uses.

Member states obligations

Member States may take measures to facilitate or encourage the submission of applications to extend the authorisation of **already authorised** plant protection products to minor uses.

Sush measures may be:

- Low application fee
- Assisting other than authorisation holder to perform a risk assessment

Two situations apply

- Minor crop
- Minor pest in major crop

The extension shall be in the public interest.

Data requirements

- All data requirements has to be met, accept
  - Efficacy
  - Phytotoxicity

Implications for users:

You use the plant protection in minor uses at your own risk, with respect to failures concerning the efficacy or to phytotoxicity.

Possible applicants for extension of authorisation of minor uses

- Authorisation holder

- Professional agricultural organisations
- Professional users
- Official bodies involved in agricultural activities
- Scientific bodies involved in agricultural activities

Procedure-Applicant authorisation holder

Same requirements and timelines as a regular application

- Data package
- Risk assessment
  - Toxicology
  - Consumer risk assessment (residues)
  - E-fate
  - Ecotoxicology

The approach is not harmonized within EU

Procedure-Applicant other than authorization holder

Same requirements as a regular application

- Usually based on extrapolation from uses already authorised

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User instructions

When Member States grant an extension of authorisation for a minor use, they shall inform if necessary the authorisation holder and request him to change the labelling accordingly.

Where the authorisation holder declines, the Member States shall ensure that users are fully and specifically informed as to instructions for use, by means of an official publication or an official website