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**EPPO activities on minor uses
and a report from the EPPO Workshop on
mutual recognition of minor uses**

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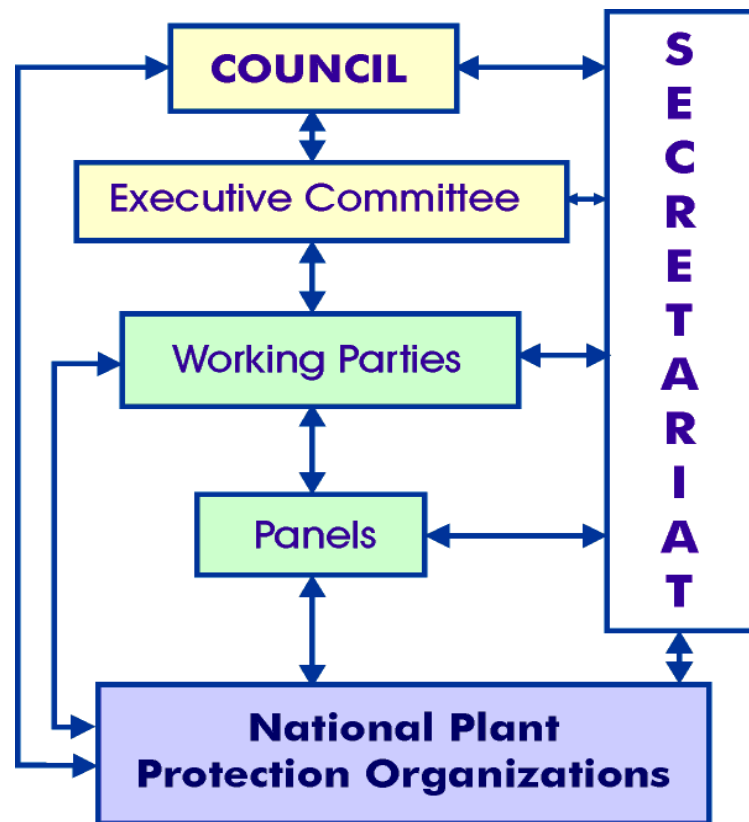
What is EPPO?



- An intergovernmental organization responsible for international cooperation in plant protection in the European and Mediterranean region. Under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), EPPO is the regional plant protection organization (RPPO) for Europe.
- Founded in 1951, EPPO has grown from 15 original members to today's 48 member countries, including nearly every country in the European and Mediterranean region.
- More information at www.eppo.org



Structure of EPPO



Minor use issues are on the agenda of:

- ▶ Working Party on Plant Protection Products
- ▶ Panel for the Efficacy Evaluation of Fungicides and Insecticides
- ▶ Panel for the Efficacy Evaluation of Herbicides and Plant Growth Regulators
- ▶ Panel on General Standards on Efficacy Evaluation



List of EPPO General standards for efficacy evaluation of plant protection products in series PP1

PP1/135 Phytotoxicity assessment

PP1/152 Design and analysis of efficacy evaluation trials

PP1/181 Conduct and reporting of efficacy evaluation trials including good experimental practice

PP1/207 Effects on succeeding crops

PP1/213 Resistance risk analysis

PP1/214 Principles of acceptable efficacy

PP1/223 Introduction to the efficacy evaluation of plant protection products

PP1/224 Principles of efficacy evaluation for minor uses

PP1/225 Minimum effective dose

PP1/226 Number of efficacy trials

PP1/227 Definition of a plant protection product

PP1/239 Dose expression of plant protection products

PP1/240 Harmonized basic information for databases on plant protection products

PP1/241 Guidance on comparable climates

PP1/242 Taint tests with plant protection products

PP1/243 Effects on plant protection products on transformation processes

PP1/248 Harmonized classification and coding of the uses of plant protection products

PP1/256 Effects on adjacent crops

PP1/257 Efficacy and crop safety extrapolations for minor uses



PP 1/224 Principles of efficacy evaluation for minor uses

- This standard describes the principles for determining requirements for efficacy evaluation for minor uses of plant protection products in a registration procedure.

EPPO definition of minor uses

Minor uses are those uses of plant protection products (defined in relation to crops and pests) in which either the crop is considered to be of low economic importance at national level (minor crop), or the pest (minor pest) is of limited importance on a major crop.

It should be noted that a minor use in one country may be a major use in another country, and it is for each country to define what are its minor uses.



PP 1/257 Efficacy and crop safety extrapolations for minor uses

- This standard describes the principles of extrapolation regarding the efficacy and crop safety of plant protection products intended for minor uses.
- It provides guidance for regulatory authorities and applicants in the context of the registration of plant protection products for minor uses.
- It also provides detailed lists of acceptable extrapolations organized by crop groups, and these will be added as they are developed.

(more about extrapolation work in David Richardson's presentation)



EPPO Standard PP1/248

Harmonized classification and coding of the uses of PPPs

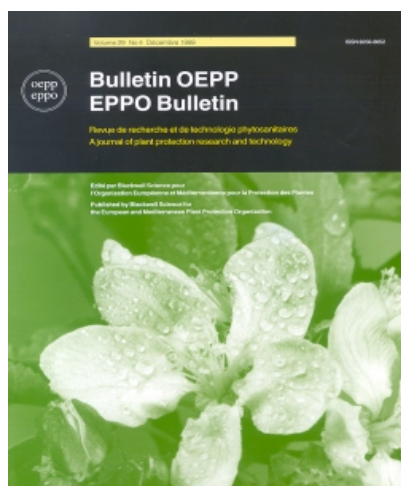
- proposes a harmonized classification of the uses of plant protection products to facilitate the exchange of data for the purposes of registration
- provides for a system of codes for such uses forming part of the EPPO code system.



Publication of EPPO Standards

Paper form

EPPO Bulletin



Specific brochures



Electronic form

via the EPPO website: www.eppo.org



EPPO Workshop on mutual recognition of minor uses

BBA-Dahlem, Berlin, 2006-10-24/26

- The Workshop was organized in collaboration with the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection and the Federal Biological Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (BBA)
- There were 65 participants from 19 EPPO countries, Australia, Canada, the USA and representatives of ECPA
- The Workshop was organized in alternating lecture sessions, smaller working groups and plenary discussion sessions.
- The Workshop addressed problems related to authorization of minor uses and explored the opportunities for solutions based particularly around different forms of international cooperation, such as mutual recognition of authorizations and cooperation in data generation
- Minor Uses has become an international problem and cooperation between countries has increased remarkably in recent years. However, coordination between all interested parties still needs to be facilitated and improved.
- The report of the Workshop and both summaries of presentations and PowerPoint presentations themselves are available on the EPPO website

http://archives.eppo.org/MEETINGS/2006_meetings/minor_uses/minor_uses.htm



Workshop recommendations:

1) EPPO Secretariat

- Promote the use of EPPO Codes internationally
- Provide a platform for the exchange of technical information
- Continue developing standards and guidelines (e.g. new standard on principles of mutual recognition)
- Further harmonize data requirements for efficacy

Existing standards:

PP 1/224 Principles of efficacy evaluation for minor uses

PP1/248 Harmonized classification and coding of the uses of PPPs

PP 1/257 Efficacy and crop safety extrapolations for minor uses



What are EPPO Codes?

The **EPPO Code System** (formerly BAYER code system) provides computer codes for the names of pests, host plants and other organisms relevant to plant protection.

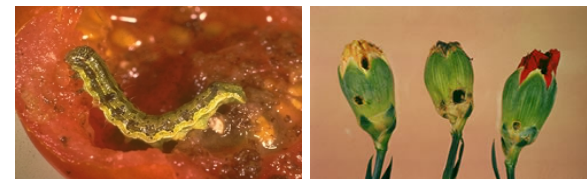
These codes can be freely viewed in EPPT.

EPPT - EPPO Plant Protection Thesaurus - is an online database that allows a search for preferred scientific names, synonyms, common names, EPPO codes, and taxonomic relationships of organisms important in agriculture and crop protection. In the near future, users who wish to include the EPPO codes directly into their own computer systems will be able to obtain licenses to download codes directly from the online database.



New web-based interface

Check pest names



EPPO - EPPT - Search EPPT - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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EPPO Plant Thesaurus

EPPT

Search EPPT

Home
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Enter the Name or the Bayer Code

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Order by	<input type="radio"/> Contain word	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microorganism
<input type="text" value="Name"/>	<input type="radio"/> Use soundex algorithm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group classifier
	<input type="radio"/> Find children	



Workshop recommendations

2) the European Commission

- Enhance the organization of work on minor uses within the EU
- Develop a clear procedure for minor uses mutual recognition (content of a dossier)
- Have a streamlined system for minor use authorizations (description, trials, databases...); A wish EU authorization for all minor uses
- Further develop PSD approach to residue extrapolation
- Explore possibilities for collaboration and activities outside the EU
- Identify mechanisms to fund minor use work
- Provide incentives to manufacturers for minor use extensions (reduced fees, data protection)
- Develop an IR-4 type system in the EU
- Create, maintain and make available a database of minor use trials, authorizations



Workshop recommendations

3) to National Authorities

- Promote an atmosphere of trust (e.g. between regulators)
 - Communicate about their national activities on minor use work (preferably making this available in English)
 - Communicate positively and transparently
 - Adopt guidance documents regarding EPPO efficacy standards and explore the consequences of additional (i.e. national) data requirements
 - Implement specific incentives for minor uses (e.g. reduced/no fee, data protection, simplified and predictable procedure...)
 - Participate in joint projects, make expertise and funding available for international activities
 - Maintain a priority list of minor use gaps
 - Provide information for databases supporting minor uses
 - Use a common template with standard information for the EU Technical Group collaborative projects and also a standardized report



Workshop recommendations

4) other interested parties

- Support funding (all interested parties)
- Support projects by providing resources
- Communicate
- Nominate contact points for minor uses
- Promote an international outlook for minor uses

