



EFSA Bee Guidance Document

**CA Meeting Biocides
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EFSA Bee Guidance

- *EFSA published in 2013 the Guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus* spp. and solitary bees).*
- *After more than 5 years of discussions, only few MS agreed to its full implementation, while some suggested a partial implementation with subsequent revision, and a significant number requested a complete revision of the document itself before any implementation.*
- *Commission therefore proposed to implement first only the parts on the acute risk to honeybees, where there is agreement among Member States, and to review the parts on the chronic risk to honeybees and the risk to bumble bees and solitary bees as requested by most Member States.*
- *Member States endorsed a draft regulation modifying the Uniform Principles for the assessment of the risks from plant protection products to bees that will allow implementation of a part of the EFSA Bee Guidance Document.*
- *Mandate sent to EFSA in March 2019 to review Bee GD*

Mandate to EFSA: TOR

- *take account of feedback from MS and stakeholders*
- *provide a review and summary of the evidence as regards bee background mortality*
- *review the list of bee-attractive crops*
- *review the current risk assessment methodologies*
- *review the requirements for higher tier testing*
- *take into account planned and on-going discussions initiated by the Commission on defining specific environmental protection goals*

Mandate to EFSA

- *Mentions potential dual use of active substances in biocidal products and plant protection products*
- *Importance of EFSA and ECHA collaboration on this mandate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the regulatory frameworks for plant protection and biocidal products*
- *Biocides are mentioned as bees can also be exposed to biocidal products eg insecticides used in wood preservatives or bait boxes for ants.*