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## 1. NEW EFSA POLICY ON INDEPENDENCE

- Following the EFSA Management Board decision full assessment will be required for MS experts attending peer-review meetings
- The new policy was presented to the MS at the PSN meeting
- Two main issues were identified
  - MS experts involved in risk management processes
  - “Cooling period” of two years for staff worked before for industry
- A discussion group will be created under the PSN, MS are invited to volunteer

## 2. ACTION PLAN: FINALISED

- Last **PSN** meeting on 24-25 October
  - The Action Plan has been finalised and published in an EFSA Technical Report
  - Most actions have been already implemented
  - EFSA support to RMS through the full process
  - The MS contributions to the peer-review meetings have been improved
  - Higher transparency in the EFSA conclusions regarding minority views
- EFSA requests MS agreement for implementing the accordance check for summary dossiers and DAR/RAR

## 2. ACTION PLAN: NEXT STEPS

- Meeting requested by the Directors of the Central Zone
- Further possible improvements for the renewal process to be discussed
- Still room for increasing the capacity of the EU assessment of the a.s. for supporting zonal and national assessments of PPP
  - Possibility for launching some Pilot Projects with interested MSs

### 3. PEER-REVIEW ISSUES

- EFSA/ECHA alignment
  - First parallel reviews will start in Feb – March 2018 (pirimiphos-methyl and mancozeb).
  - RMS to agree internally in case of different CA for CLP, and inform EFSA and ECHA on submission day
  - The aim is to launch the public consultation on the same day
- Proposed process: single document based on the combined template
  - RMS to send the document to EFSA and ECHA simultaneously
    - ECHA will conduct the accordancy check
    - EFSA will conduct a preliminary check (to be replaced by a real accordancy check in the future if agreed by MS)
- EFSA will not launch the peer-review until ECHA has considered the dossier in accordancy

## 3. PEER-REVIEW ISSUES

- Neonicotinoids Art 21 review
  - Second MS consultation on going until 8 January 2018
  - Final conclusions by mid February
  
- The process has provided clarity on many elements of the EFSA Bee Guidance
  - EFSA suggest a general discussion with MS experts on the guidance once the conclusions are finalised
  
- The leak of the drafts is unfortunate, EFSA has no clue on how POLICO got these drafts, MS to reinforce security regarding draft documents

## 4. LIST OF ENDPOINTS IN THE AREA OF RESIDUES

- Differences in the format of the LoEp among EFSA outputs require harmonisation
- Just editorial changes to better align the LoEp in the different residue outputs
- Discussed with MS and final version submitted to SANTE
- EFSA request SANTE and MS to take note ASAP of the new template



## 5. PPR PANEL AND EVENTS

- Plenary in November
  - Adoption of the opinion on amphibian and reptiles. Publication expected in January
  - Panel will prepare a road-map for the implementation of landscape environmental assessments
- Events
  - 21/11/2017: Scientific conference on the use of epidemiological findings in regulatory pesticide risk assessment
    - Ca 100 participants: EC, PPR Panel, MS, IND, non-EU, others
    - Highlighted the need for moving in this area
    - EFSA would like to explore with MS a pilot for implementing the recommendations in epidemiological studies on farmers

## 6. ED GUIDANCE

- SANTE confirmed the need for launching the public consultation
- Public consultation on-going
- SANTE will coordinate the Workshop with Member State
- Finalisation process to be discussed with SANTE and ECHA

## ANY OTHER IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT?

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