

Conclusions of Session 5

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Topic discussed:

- Is there a need for the creation of a EU-wide platform of the responsible bodies of all MS and can the SWG play a role in this? And what are the demands of such a platform?
- How can the uniformity of the inspection schemes in the different MS be promoted or guaranteed?
- Is there a need for a European database so that MS can easily check the validity of granted certificates of tested sprayers?
- How to define and deal with minor defects?
- How can the uniformity of test reports be better?
- What are the elements what have to be stated on a label (shape, content, colour, etc.)?
- Can SPISE or the SWG play a role in endeavouring MS in mutual recognition of inspections between MS?

Some conclusions:

- At the moment there is no need for a central European database of issued certificates. Not all MS have an inspection scheme running, not all MS have a central database and there will be problems with the misuse of data, place, management, admission and content of the database.
- Approved PAE should be issued with a certificate which consists of both an official test report and a label fixed on a clearly visible place on the machine
- The base for good and uniform inspections are harmonised EN standards. Therefore it is important that the standards EN-13790 are harmonised and officially published. So that they can be implemented by the different MS. The priority will be the standards for both field crop and air-assisted sprayers, but there is also a need for harmonised standards for the other types of equipment.
- Mutual recognition between MS and easy validation of approved sprayers will be promoted by a uniform label. Uniformity in the content of the label and the colour of the label. For the colour is the colour coding of spray nozzles an idea (ISO 10625).
- At the moment there is no uniformity between MS how they deal with minor defects.
- Point of attention in the revision and harmonisation project of CEN TC144 WG3 of the standards EN-13790:
 - A correct definition of minor defects.
 - Uniform test report.
 - Development of standards for other PAE as field-crop and air-assisted sprayers.

Listing of subjects to be dealt with by the SPISE Working Group:

- The SPISE workshops, the SWG and the SPISE website have already a role in giving information to MS with the implementation of sprayer inspection schemes. But the SWG can play a role in giving information to MS for implementing a sprayer testing scheme. This can be done in cooperation with the Commission.
- To make the communication between the responsible bodies and experts between MS more easier, the SWG can play a role in assembling a list of this body in the different MS.
- SWG can play a role in promoting a uniform label (content, colour, size, etc).
- In cooperation with the Commission the SWG can play a role in the development and execution of an auditing system for the inspection schemes in the MS.