

Conclusions of Session 6

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Topics discussed

During Session 6 of 3rd SPISE Workshop, it was presented the actual state of the art in the EU Member States concerning the criteria to reject the sprayers after the inspections and the procedures adopted for authorising the workshops delegated to carry out the inspection of sprayers in use on the territory and then to monitor their activity.

For what concerns the criteria for authorizing the inspection workshop, during Session 6 it was presented the experience of Italy, where the National Board for Agricultural Mechanisation (ENAMA) establishes the minimum technical requirements that an inspection workshop must have, while the formal authorisation to operate the inspections is provided by the Regional Administrations.

Concerning monitoring of workshop activities, during Session 6 it was presented more in details the Italian situation, where the monitoring of the inspection workshops is carried out by the Regional Administrations responsible to organise the sprayers inspection service on their territory or by ENAMA, following a specific protocol which allow to obtain a specific Workshop Certification. The monitoring of workshops, in Italy, is carried out every 12 or every 24 months in function of the number of sprayers inspected per year (less or more than 200) and concerns the evaluation of documents, inspection devices and personnel.

For what concerns the criteria to reject the PAE, it is very important that the MS agree each other on the regulations which concern other MS, because otherwise the mutual recognition of the inspections is not possible and this can arise several problems (e.g. in border areas). Taking into account the results of the inquiry and the experience of MS that started several years ago the PAE inspection activity (like Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands), it is suggested to consider as harmonized criteria for rejecting sprayers that they do not fulfil the requirements of the EN 13790 and future amendments with the exception of the minor defects as defined during Session 5 of 3rd SPISE Workshop.

Some conclusions

Due to the positive experience gathered by some MS and considering the results acquired from the inquiry it is suggested to have the following harmonized criteria for Workshop Authorization:

- a) Inspector with an appropriate background;
- b) A suitable structure to prevent weather interference during the inspection and environmental damage;
- c) Suitable workshop instruments (following EN 13790 requirements or certified by ENTAM – European Network for Testing of Agricultural Machines).

Finally, regarding the **monitoring of workshops activities**, the harmonized proposal that takes into account also the results carried out from the specific inquiry made is to:

- a) Monitor the workshop activity in terms of technical and administrative requirements with a frequency of not more than 24 months;
- b) When possible, make the workshop monitoring carried out by certified Authorities (EN 1270 - ISO 9001- ISO 17025);
- c) Promote the creation of an EU database of the authorized workshops.