

Closing Session

The aim of the SPISE 4 Workshop was to support the introduction of inspections of plant protection equipment already in use in the Member States (MS) of the EU. Following the publication of Directive 2009/128/EC in October 2009, the Member States have to introduce technical inspections for plant protection equipment at regular intervals and ensure that all items of plant protection equipment have been inspected at least once by 2016.

The Directive determines the key points. The development of procedures between the MS is left to the Member States according to the principle of subsidiarity. They have a fair amount of leeway and are able to take their own experience and conditions into consideration.

Many matters could be discussed and some of them clarified during the Workshop. However, many issues remained unsolved. These are to be brought together in **Technical Working Groups** and specified further.

The main issues include:

- How to deal with minor defects/brand new sprayers?
- Define a certificate system for mutual recognition
- Define a simplified quality assurances system
- Define a common risk assessment procedure for excluding PAE from the inspections
- Define a procedure for calibration, sprayer adjustment and drift reducing technology as added values
- Collect from MS available training material and make it downloadable on SPISE website
- Develop a SPISE database relevant for monitoring, mutual recognition ...

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SESSION 1
Inspections at regular intervals - Inspection of new equipment
Chairmen: H. Ganzelmeier, E. Gil

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1. Member States (MS) are intensively engaged to implement a mandatory inspection.
2. Boom sprayers and air-assisted sprayers are in the central focus of inspection.
3. How the exemptions (different timetables and inspection intervals) according to article 8.3 will be applied by the MS, is currently inexplicit.

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4. The mutual recognition of the inspection between MS is to date relevant and it will be encouraged by EU Directive 128/2009.
5. As a replacement for the missing harmonized standards, the EN 13790 is fully recommended for temporary use.
6. Quality measurements (audits...) have to be developed.
7. No clear position on how to deal with minor defects and new PAE: a special coordination is needed.

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SESSION 2
Member States may apply different timetables and inspection intervals with exceptions following a risk assessment and exempt handheld pesticide application equipment or knapsack sprayers
Chairmen: B. Huyghebaert, N. Bjugstad

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1. Which is the appropriate sprayer type risk assessment to be able to apply different timetables and inspection intervals according to article 8.3 is still not clear.
2. Most of the Member States have not yet defined for which types of sprayer they will require the exemptions.
3. **A common sprayer risk assessment methodology is recommended.**

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SESSION 3
The inspections shall verify that pesticide application equipment satisfies the relevant requirements
Chairmen: J.-P. Douzals, V. Polvéche

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1. ISO/CEN 16122-1-2-3-4 seems able to follow the main requirements of the Directive (Annex II).


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2. Necessity to develop in short time other ISO standard parts.
3. Necessity to improve the present ISO methodology to inspect the sprayer to obtain a higher reproducibility of results.
4. How to inspect without a harmonized standard (EN 13790 when possible)?

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SESSION 4
Member States shall establish certificate systems for mutual recognition of the certificates
Chairmen: J. Kole, P. Harašta

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1. Identification of PAE (test report and sticker!).
2. Uniform sticker layout, content, color code, etc.
3. Harmonized test report.
4. Harmonized requirements for workshops / inspection teams.
- 5. Need for quality assurance system – SPISE Working Group (SWG) label?**
- 6. Need for «recognized» test equipment.**

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SESSION 5
Training
Chairmen: E. Nilsson, P.-G. Andersen

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The **importance of an adequate inspectors training** has been deeply underlined and considered a priority to have successful inspections. Nevertheless due to resource limitations and how far process is developed in MS:

1. At present it seems difficult to develop a common course plan.
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- 3. Good idea to collect training material and course plan for exchange between countries.**

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Several requests for the implementation of a **Technical Working Group (TWG)** for developing common proposals came out from the sessions discussion

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1. Develop a common proposal concerning how to deal with **minor defects**.
2. Develop a common proposal concerning how to deal with **BRAND NEW SPRAYERS**.
3. Define a **common risk assessment procedure** for PAE to be exempted from the inspections.
4. Define a common way on how to “certificate” the workshop activity (**quality assurance**), including the test facilities.

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7. Create a **SPISE database** with all MS authorised inspectors and workshops??

- Legal aspects
- Not create too much bureaucracy
- Useful for new sprayers
- Collect sticker types of different EU countries??
- Database only related to country reference persons?

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