

# Spanish Working Group on Dose Expression



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## WHY WAS A WORKING GROUP ON DOSE EXPRESSION NEEDED?

1. **Research groups (R+D) on dose adjustment and application techniques of PPP** requested a meeting with INIA in order to know **how to harmonize and adjust dose to comply with requirements established in the Directive 2009/128/EC** to achieve a **sustainable use of pesticides** by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and promoting the use of integrated pest management and of alternative approaches or techniques such as non-chemical alternatives to pesticides.
2. **INIA** took part in the meeting of **Panel on General Standards on Efficacy Evaluation** in 2016, and one of the issues discussed was the organization of **EPPO Workshop on harmonized dose expression for the zonal evaluation of plant protection products in high growing crops** that would be held in Vienna (2016-10-18/20).



- **Discuss Harmonization and dose adjustment to comply with Directive on sustainable use of pesticides**
- **Discuss Harmonization on dose expression for the zonal evaluation of PPP in high growing crops**

## PARTICIPANTS 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting- July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. INIA.

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(**AEPLA**) (Spanish Industry  
Association)

### ASSESSMENT OF PPP



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Technology (**INIA-UPF**)

### NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND LABEL OF PPP



Ministry of Agriculture  
(**MAPAMA**)

### Observer : NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY



(ANSEMAT)



## OPTIMUM DOSE ADJUSTMENT RESEARCH GROUPS (R+D):



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**Polytechnic University of Almeria  
(UAL): High growing vegetables  
greenhouse (tomato/pepper)**



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**Valencian Institute for  
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Polytechnic University of  
Valencia (UPV): Citrus**



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DE CATALUNYA  
BARCELONATECH

**Polytechnic University of  
Catalunya (UPC): Grapevine**



UNIVERSIDAD  
DE  
CÓRDOBA

**University of Cordoba (UCO):  
Olive**



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OUTCOMES AND CONCLUSIONS



EPPO Workshop on harmonized dose expression for the zonal evaluation of plant protection products in high growing crops  
Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety  
Vienna, 2016-10-18/20

**Presentations per Zone based on the questionnaire filled in by countries**

- Southern EU Authorization Zone (Veronique Mironet, ANSES, France)

## CONCLUSIONS on Dose Expression

### 1 REQUEST FORM OF PPP OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (Industry to MAPAMA)

It was proposed to include the **Good Agriculture Practice table** in the request form of PPP official registration to avoid misunderstandings.

- **Application rate: kg or L product/ha; g or kg as/ha; L/ha water volume**
- **Dose expression** to be indicated **on the label** should be also specified on **remarks** column of GAP table.

**Consistent relation between requested, assessed and registered dose expressions**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Use- No. (e)	MS (s)	Crop and/ or situation	F, G, I	Pests or Group of pests controlled	Application				Application rate			PHI	Remarks:
					Method / Kind	Timing / Growth stage of crop & season	Max. number a) per use b) per crop/ season	Min. interval between applicatio ns (days)	<b>kg or L product / ha</b> a) max. rate per appl. b) max. total rate per crop/season	<b>g or kg as/ha</b> a) max. rate per appl. b) max. total rate per crop/season	<b>Water L/ha</b> min / max		
													<b>Add other dose expression to be showed on the label</b>

## 2 EFFICACY ASSESSMENT /OTHER RISK ASSESSMENT AREAS

If **dose expression** presented in **BAD** and **efficacy dRR** are  
**/ha leaf wall area LWA; /10000 m<sup>3</sup> tree row volume TRV; /ha and m canopy height...**



**A conversion factor** between these doses expressions and  
**/hL (%) + (maximum water volume L/ha or max. product /ha (GAP))** would be  
required to relate to **other risk assessment areas** (ecotox, fate, residues,...)



## 3 REGISTRATION OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND LABEL

Dose expression:

- **/hL (%) + (maximum water volume L/ha or max. product/ha )**

Dose expression from **efficacy trials** and that one assessed in **other risk assessment areas** as well as dose expression to be included in the **registration of official authorizations** and on the **label** should be consistent.

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For the **Southern Zone**, it would be needed to define an **equivalence factor** (to be determined) or to use other dose expressions such as **vegetation volume per ha along with leaf density or BBCH**. *Still in discussion.*

The use of other dose expressions as **LWA** should be confirmed by means of **experimentations** in the **specific conditions of high growing crops for the Southern Zone**.

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Minimum parameters are required to convert to different dose expressions:

*Mid- height of the canopy*

*Mid-width of the crown*

*Distances between rows*

*Distance between plants, within row (importance in olives and globular trees)*

*Leaf density (or porosity) (to be developed)*

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A **new EPPO standard or modification of EPPO PP1/239(2)** “*Dose expression for plant protection products*” is needed to include the cited **parameters**, as well as **procedures** (examples, formulas, models) to facilitate the **conversions**.

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The need to develop an **officially recognized tool for calculating the optimum volume of application** in different crops. Tools developed by the research groups may take into account for this work.

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Consequently, participants showed interest in establishing a **task force** to develop a project on **implementing tool** to help farmer to **calculate and adjust the optimum volume for the application of PPP** in high growing crops.

## CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS EPPO Workshop on harmonized dose expression for the zonal evaluation of plant protection products in high growing crops. Vienna (2016-10)

- ✓ **LWA** was agreed as an appropriate dose expression for PPP in pome fruit, grapevine and high growing vegetables;
- ✓ Conversion of different dose expressions should always be possible;
- ✓ All relevant crop parameters should be measured and made available (for all 3D dose expressions; see **EPPO Standard PP 1/239**- revision, next meeting of the EPPO Panel on GS in February 2017).
- ✓ **Two different situations** should be distinguished: crops that form '**walls**' and '**globular (isolated) trees**' (i.e. trees/crops that do not form walls such as citrus, olive, stone fruit trees).
- ✓ For '**globular trees**' further data should be collected to enable calculation of **canopy width** (i.e. the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension).

## CURRENT ACTIONS OF SPANISH WG ON DOSE EXPRESSION

### Contributions and Meetings follow up of EPPO workshop Vienna, Oct 2016

- ✓ Members of Spanish WG on dose expression take part in both **ad-hoc Working Groups** established by EPPO after Workshop:
  - *Ad hoc* Expert Working Group on **dose conversion and dose adjustment**
  - *Ad hoc* Expert Working Group on **glossary of terms and on measurement of crop parameters**
- ✓ **Meeting, 26th April 2017, IVIA, Valencia.** Participants: IVIA, INIA, MAPAMA, Industry 3 D crop team - ECPA and AEPLA  
Main objective: Reach a common proposal and agreement on a preferred harmonized dose expression for field testing and evaluation of PPP in citrus
- ✓ **Meeting, 26th May 2017, MAPAMA, Madrid.** Participants: UdL, IVIA, MAPAMA, INIA.  
Objectives: Progress on the conversion and dose adjustment tool / Consensus points to be proposed in the SZ / Discussion if Biological dossiers should present information on "active substance deposition by leaf area (ng a.s./cm<sup>2</sup>)" (proposal to follow ISO 22522:2007)

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



/ha leaf wall area LWA



/ha and m canopy height

/hl (%)

/ha ground



/10000 m3 tree row volume TRV

