“Update on the use of EPPO Codes by the PPP (plant protection products) Industry”

Webinar for the EPPO Codes Users
EPPO headquarters, 21 Bd Richard Lenoir, Paris 75011
2016-03-06, 14.00 – 16.30
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Introduction

“Update on the use of EPPO Codes by the PPP (plant protection products) Industry”

is the result of the ECPA Subgroup Data Harmonization

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Webinar (1)
Invitation for the open session with interested users

EPPO has invited on Monday 6th of March 2017 from 14:00 – 16:00 for an open session with interested users (option of joining via teleconference) Link to participate: 
[https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7678249617595452675](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7678249617595452675)

Status of invitation
- Only 2 of the 4 represented companies had already received an invitation (22.02.2017).
- A colleague who has participated last year in Paris at the open session had not yet received an invitation.

Discussion and Actions
- ECPA Subteam members will circulate the invitation to relevant colleagues
- EPPO will be contacted to clarify to whom the invitation has been sent and to discuss what can be improved.
Webinar (2)
Following subjects were discussed with EPPO

- Registration for the Webinar up to the last minute, means we have the opportunity to increase the number of participants
- What is proposed by EPPO to increase the number of participants?
- Were the participants of the teleconference invited?
- Were the participants in Paris invited?
- The list with the 800 addresses may have to be checked and updated to ensure that users will receive the invitation
Experiences with the EPPO Code Web-Application

The Web Application of the EPPO Global Database is easy to use and the performance is good.

No complaints were reported
EPPO Code requests

Taxonomic Codes

As expected the number of requested codes were very limited across companies.

The response time is ok.
For this group of codes a company is waiting for 2 codes for more than one year.

This is difficult to accept (long delays in companies) and it is recommended to:

- develop a process to support the EPPO Secretariat in order to make these codes available within a month
- looking for a pragmatic solution
- in the Ad hoc Panel meeting last year as well as in the ECPA Subgroup we have experienced that it is not so easy to achieve these goals
- There is no clear definition of what is described by a non taxonomic EPPO code
  - content-wise (can everything be made into a non taxonomic code?)
  - regarding the use (Who takes care of / defines the groups in that domain and according to which criteria? (e.g. area of application like „product registration“ (e.g. crop groups) or „experimental conditions“ (e.g. feeding source)
- Who will define that?
EPPO Code requests
Non taxonomic Codes

- https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/
- Categorization of non-taxonomic groups is not sufficiently done
- ECPA Subgroup will propose new structure and categories for non-taxonomic codes by end Q1 2018

Non-taxonomic groups
- Non-crop object
- Crop groups
- Crop destination
- Crop location
- Treatment
- Target
- Unclassified
Code maintenance

Rule: Science name has changed and the original Code should be kept

We could find several examples where the Scientific name changed and the original Code is kept.
Code maintenance

Overview of EPPO Codes set to inactive by EPPO
(set to inactive means the code cannot be found as an active code by normal search)

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<td>46</td>
<td>e.g. ECHCA</td>
<td>Echinochloa crus-galli var. austro-japonensis</td>
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<td>Fungus</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>e.g. PUCCSH</td>
<td>Puccinia striiformis hordei</td>
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<td>Crops</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>e.g. PIBST</td>
<td>Pisum sativum L.</td>
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<td>Insects</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>e.g. PSAMAL</td>
<td>Psammotettix alienus</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>96</td>
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Minutes of the Ad hoc meeting data Harmonization 2016
Separation of taxonomic and non-taxonomic codes

Ms Roy noted that this item was covered by a presentation during the ‘Users open session’ (see point 1). She recalled that the separation of the non-taxonomic codes from the taxonomic codes has been implemented by the EPPO Secretariat in the EPPO Global Database (GD). This was the result of a technical solution which allowed all non-taxonomic codes deactivated in the EPPO systems and which are of interest to users in the area of plant protection to be reactivated.
Code maintenance
Code example set to inactive
As requested last year with regard to registration requirements deactivated codes like ECHCA and ECHHI have to be activated.
Code maintenance
Codes set to inactive

What is the reason / motivation to inactivate these codes?

Why were the user community not informed?

Is EPPO aware on the potential impact of this action for

– Chemical Industry
– Regulatory Officials: within the EU and for those countries outside the EU that have adopted the EPPO-Code system.
– Industry Contractors and Service providers
1. March 2017

Two new documents available on Extranet

Dear members of the Panel and Observers,
I'd like to inform you that two new documents have been uploaded on the Extranet:

– An extract of the draft report of the last meeting of the EPPO Panel on Fungicides and Insecticides (doc 17-22494 for agenda point 1.3) presenting a synthesis of the discussion on EPPO Codes and

– an update on the collaboration with the European Commission

The documents only a view days before the meeting starts available for review. It will be very difficult to provide the information for colleagues and to get feedback.

It should be discussed if the process can be improved.
It is requested to set asap all 96 deactivated EPPO codes (Weeds, Fungus, Insects, Crops) to active with regard to registration purposes. A discussion is needed about how we can avoid in future such kind of actions with regard to the potential impact.

In the Non-taxonomic working area we would achieve that the EPPO Secretariat is able to make these codes available within a month by a pragmatic approach. The ECPA Subgroup offers close collaboration to improve the process and to make a proposal for the structure and categories for non-taxonomic codes.

The “Update on the use of EPPO Codes by the PPP industry has shown again that an open session as communication platform is essential for the EPPO Code users. We will work together with EPPO to improve the observed weaknesses within the invitation process. The key question is how can we ensure that interested users receive the invitation.
Thank you for your attention