




The EU: Legislative and Regulatory Developments of Plant Protection Products

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Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 – Regulation on placing of Plant Protection Products on the market

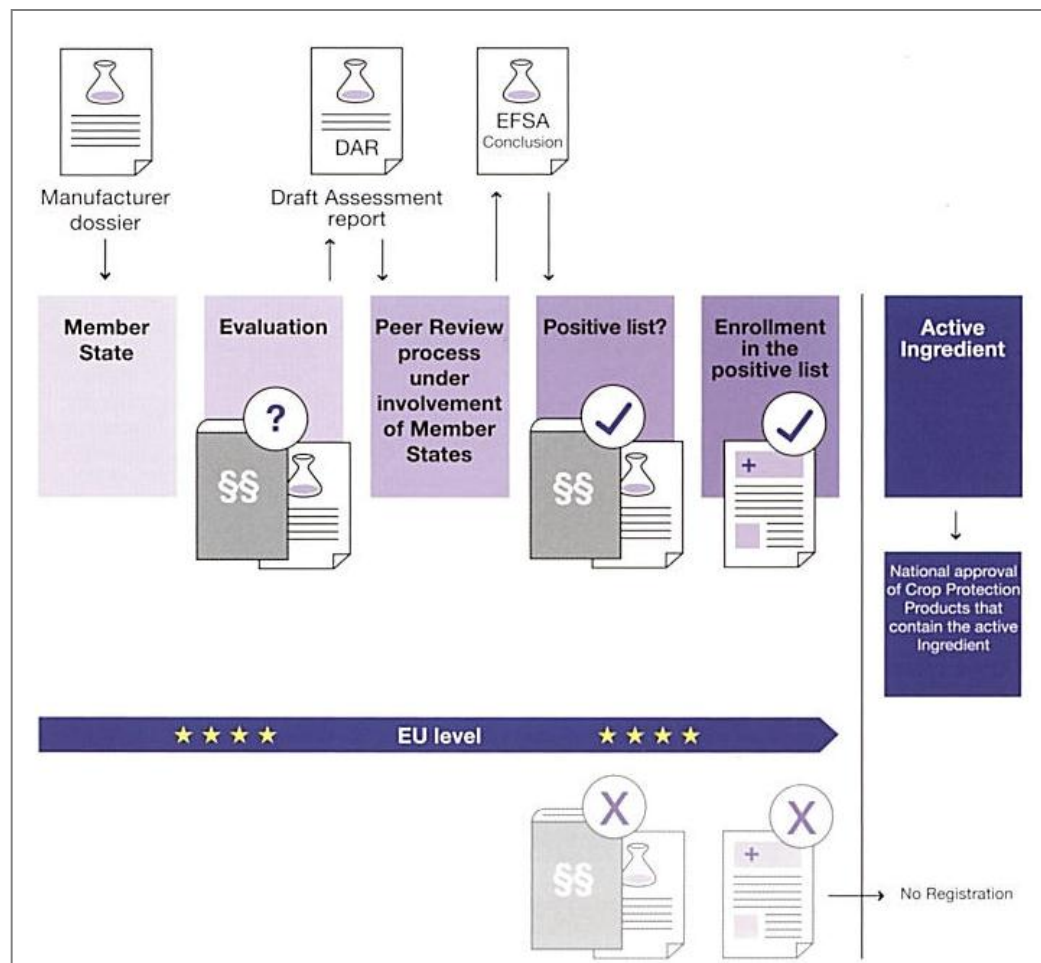
Basic Regulation for plant protection products in the European Union is Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

Active ingredients are registered
on EU level


Products are registered on country
level

New in EU:
Introduction of hazard based
approved criteria
(CMR , POP, PBT, ED, ...)

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Historical background of EU MRLs

- No harmonization** of MRLs
- No harmonization** of crop and crop groups
- No harmonization** of residue definitions
- No harmonization** of risk assessment approaches

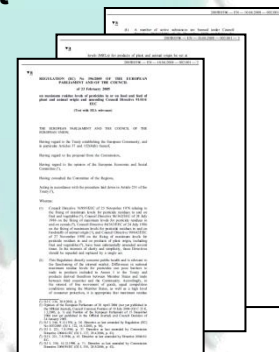
76/895/EEC	86/362/EEC	86/363/EEC	90/642/EEC
Framework	Cereals	Animal Products	Fruits, Vegetables
			

Existing EU MRL **Directives** are repealed and replaced by

EU MRL **Regulation** (EC) No 396/2005

Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 – Basics

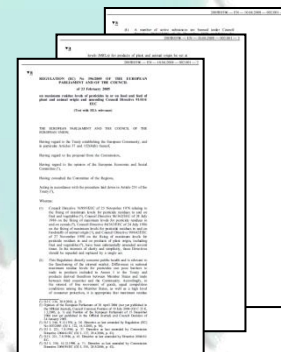
- Regulation: directly applicable
→ consolidation of existing four directives into one single act
- Lists of all EU MRLs
→ default value 0.01 mg/kg for all pesticides not listed
→ Member States will not set national MRLs anymore
- Responsibilities of Commission (= risk management), EFSA (= risk assessment) and Member States clearly defined
- High level of consumer protection



➔ MRLs are now harmonized within the European Union!

Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 – Basics

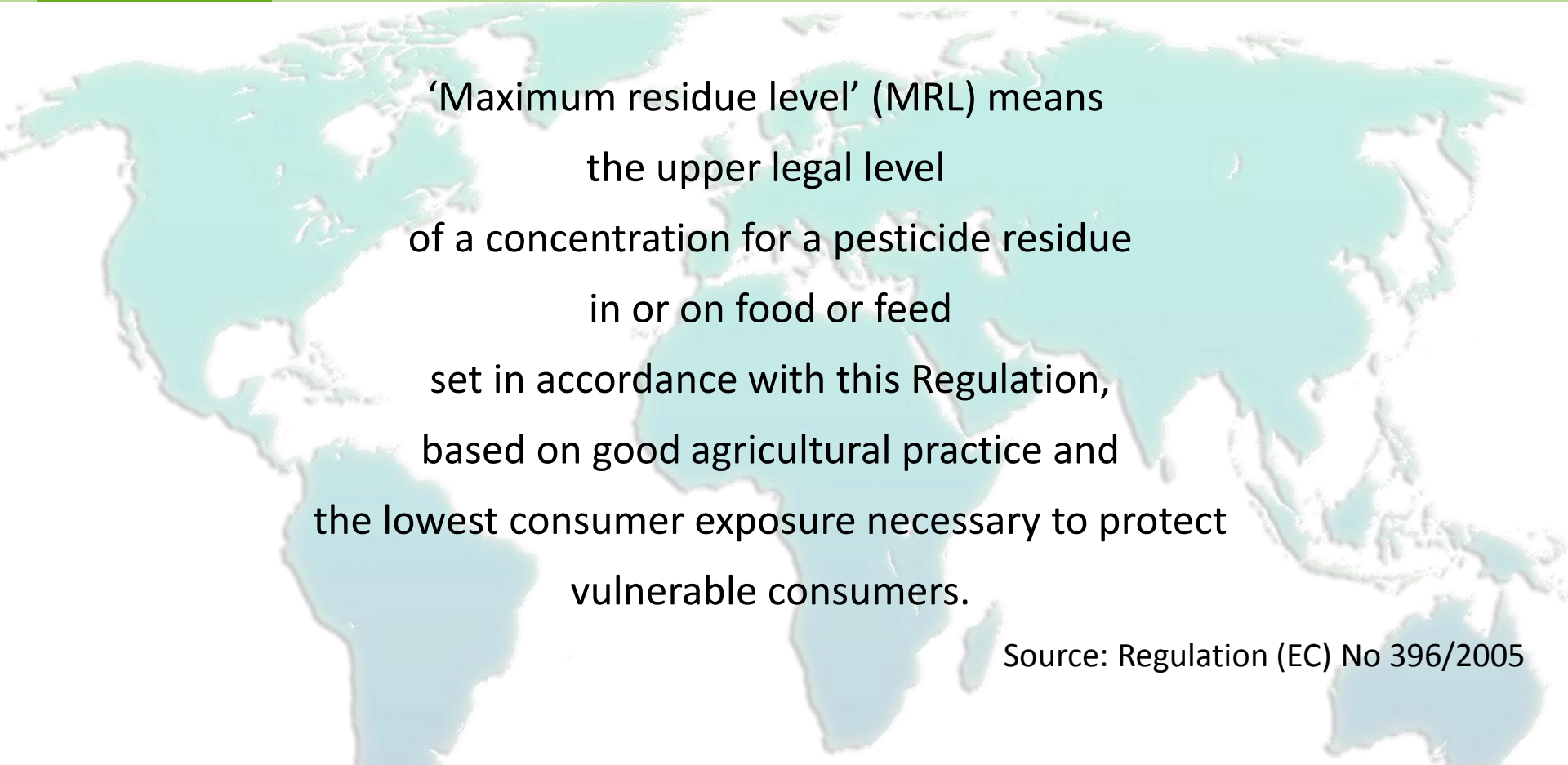
- Applicable for food and feed of plant and animal origin
- Clear rules for the establishment of import tolerances (e.g. crop not grown in the EU, higher MRLs necessary due to different pest pressure)
- CODEX CXLs will be taken into account
- ALARA principle
As Low As Reasonable Achievable
- Simplification
500.000 national MRLs → 100.000 EU MRLs



Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 – Procedure



What is a maximum residue level (MRL)?



‘Maximum residue level’ (MRL) means
the upper legal level
of a concentration for a pesticide residue
in or on food or feed
set in accordance with this Regulation,
based on good agricultural practice and
the lowest consumer exposure necessary to protect
vulnerable consumers.

Source: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005

➔ MRLs are not toxicological safety limits!

How is an EU MRL derived?

- An MRL is set for a defined combination of a crop and an active ingredient (according to the residue definition)
- The application must be justified by biological efficacy results
- Defined number of residue trials conducted according to the critical Good Agricultural Practice (GAP)
 - *Major crop*: 16 trials (8 N-EU and 8 S-EU in 2 years, e.g. citrus)
 - *Minor crop*: 8 trials (4 N-EU and 4 S-EU in 2 years, e.g. almond)
- Residue trials run according to a particular GAP
 - Max application rate
 - Timing of application
 - Max number of applications
 - Minimum spray interval between applications
 - Shortest Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI)

How is an EU MRL derived?

- MRLs are always set for the tradable commodity (e.g. unpeeled banana / orange fruits, wheat grain, soybean seeds) and not for the product as consumed
- Extrapolation within defined boundaries is possible!
- Statistical evaluation and rounding to next higher MRL level

Database on EU Pesticide Residue MRLs

- Information on Active Substances (Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009)
- Information on Pesticide EU-MRLs (Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)

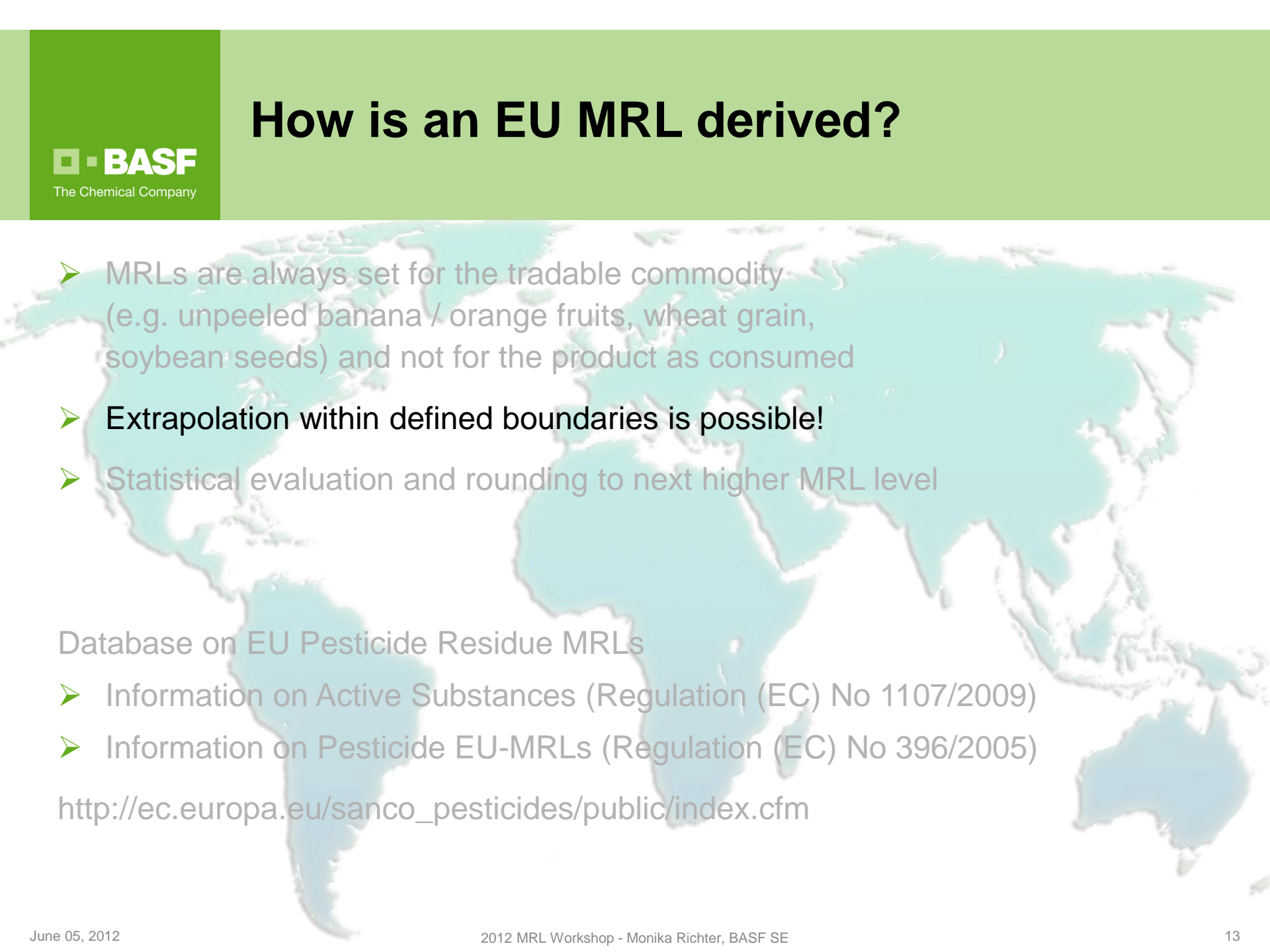
http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public/index.cfm

Example for tradable commodity

Code number ⁽¹⁾	Groups to which the MRLs apply	Examples of individual products within the groups to which the MRLs apply	Scientific Name ⁽²⁾	Examples of related varieties or other products included in the definition to which the same MRL applies	Parts of the products to which the MRLs apply
0100000	1. FRUIT FRESH OR FROZEN; NUTS				
0110000	(i) Citrus fruit				Whole product
0110010		Grapefruit	<i>Citrus paradisi</i>	Shaddocks, pomelos, sweeties, tangelo, ugli and other hybrids	
0110020		Oranges	<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Bergamot, bitter orange, chinotto and other hybrids	
0110030		Lemons	<i>Citrus limon</i>	Citron, lemon	
0110040		Limes	<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i>		
0110050		Mandarins	<i>Citrus reticulata</i>	Clementine, tangerine and other hybrids	
0110990		Others ⁽³⁾			
0120000	(ii) Tree nuts (shelled or unshelled)				Whole product after removal of shell (except chestnuts)

Source:
Regulation (EC)
No 396/2005
Excerpt of Annex I

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Extrapolation

Excerpt of Table 3: Extrapolation of active substances used up to or close to harvest

1. GROUPS OF CROPS	2. MAJOR CROPS	3. EXTRAPOLATION		
		A) CROPS	B) DIRECTION	C) POSSIBLE EXTRAPOLATION
1. FRUIT; NUTS				
(i) Citrus fruit	Lemons Mandarins (including clementines and similar hybrids) Oranges Grapefruits	Oranges or oranges and grapefruits (8 trials, with a minimum of four trials on oranges) and mandarins and/or lemons (8 trials)	→	Whole group
(ii) Tree nuts (shelled or unshelled)		Any two representative (“closed nuts” and “open nuts” e.g. cashew nuts, pistachios) with the exception of coconuts (6 trials)	→	Whole group
		Any “closed nut”with the exception of coconuts (4 trials)	→	“Closed nuts”

Source: SANCO 7525/VI/95 – rev. 9, March 2011

Guidance Document – Guidelines on comparability, extrapolation, group tolerances and data requirements for setting MRLs

<http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/resources/app-d.pdf>

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MRL classes and rounding procedure

- MRLs consists of classes with **one significant digit** (except for MRL classes at 0.015 mg/kg, 0.15 mg/kg, 1.5 mg/kg)
- The calculated MRLs are rounded up to the next higher MRL class unless the next lower MRL class is exceeded by less than 10% of the increment between the two classes.

0.01	0.015	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	mg/kg
0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	mg/kg
1	1.5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	mg/kg
10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	mg/kg
100	150	200	...							mg/kg

➔ MRL classes are now harmonized in the EU and NAFTA

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MRLs and consumer safety

- MRLs are derived from the good agricultural practice, not from toxicological endpoints, but...
- MRLs are set as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA principle) to protect vulnerable consumers (precautionary principle)
- US: No detectable residues allowed if no MRL has been set
- EU: In case no specific MRL has been set, a default MRL applies (set at the limit of quantification (LOQ), e. g. 0.01 mg/kg)

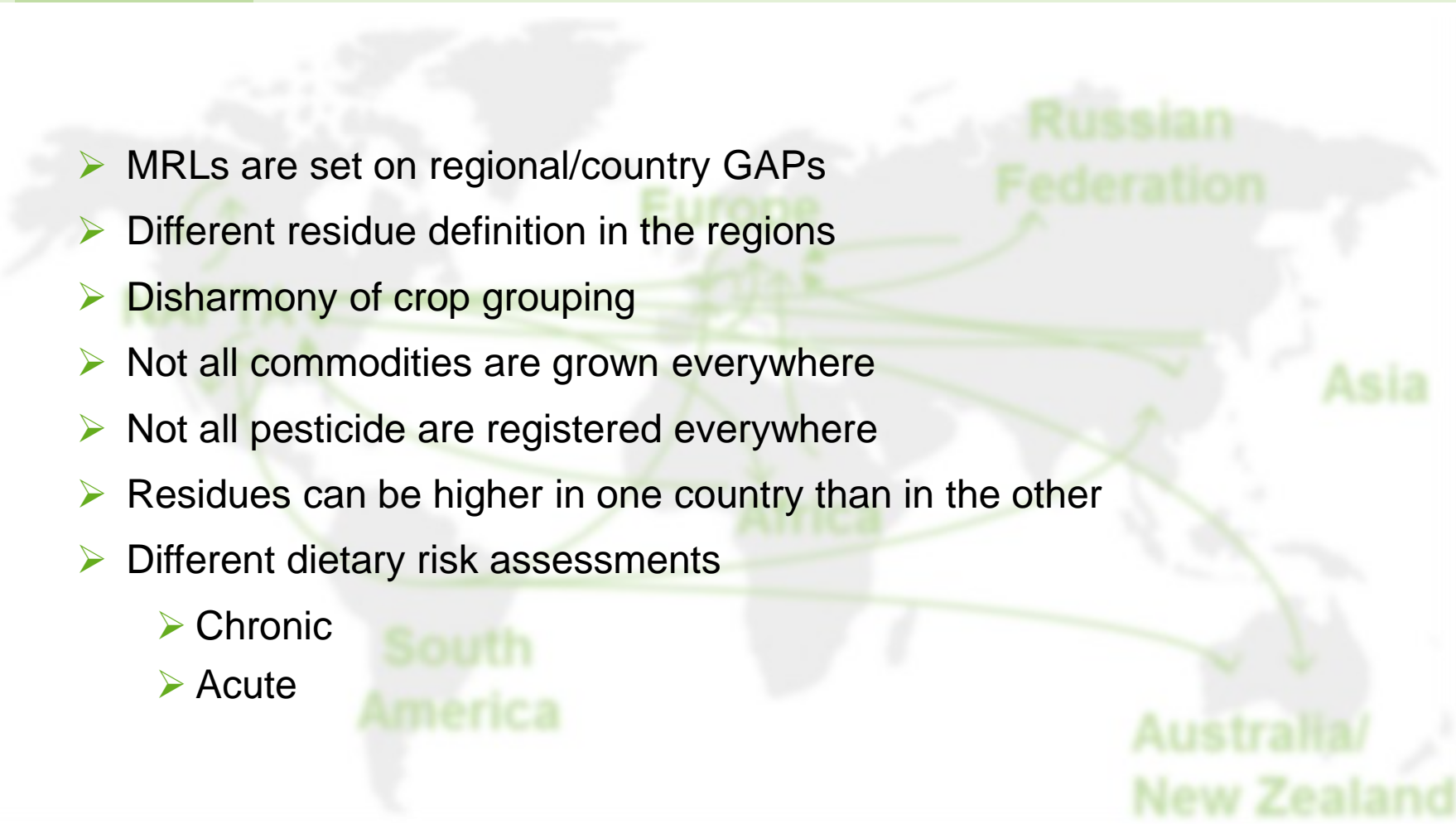
This applies to all substances previously used or considered to be plant protection products (e. g. biphenyl)

➔ Default MRLs are the main reason for MRL exceedances!

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Why are there different MRLs around the Globe?

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- MRLs are set on regional/country GAPs
 - Different residue definition in the regions
 - Disharmony of crop grouping
 - Not all commodities are grown everywhere
 - Not all pesticide are registered everywhere
 - Residues can be higher in one country than in the other
 - Different dietary risk assessments
 - Chronic
 - Acute

Different diets...



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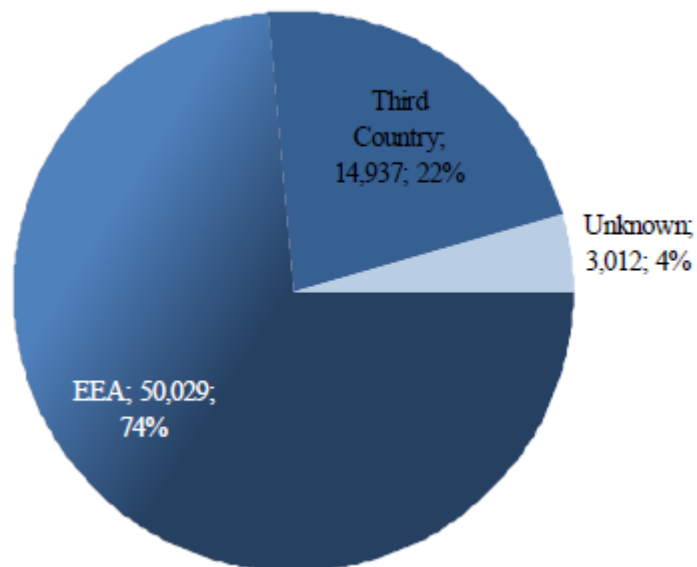
Monitoring in the EU

2009 ESFA Annual Report

- In November 2011 EFSA published its Annual Report on Pesticide Residues (with data from the year 2009)
- Reporting countries: 27 EU member states plus Norway and Iceland
- Data from national programmes and the EU coordinated programme
 - 66,550 surveillance samples (national programmes)
 - 1,428 enforcement samples (national programmes)
 - 10,553 samples from EU coordinated programme
- ~ 300 different food commodities analysed
- 834 different pesticides covered with analytical methods
- 338 different pesticides detected in fruit and vegetables

EU and national control programs 2009

Origin of samples



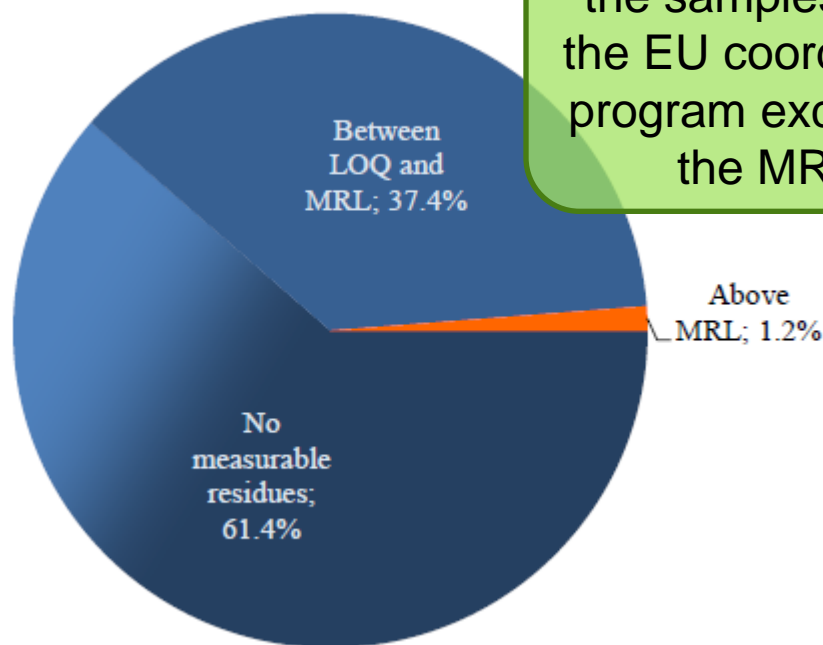
EU + national control program
- Origin of samples (reporting countries)
surveillance and enforcement

Sample origin	Number of samples	Above MRL	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)
EEA	49448	719	1.5	1.4	1.6
Third country	14181	982	6.9	6.5	7.4
Unknown	2921	39	1.3	1.0	1.8
Total	66550	1740			

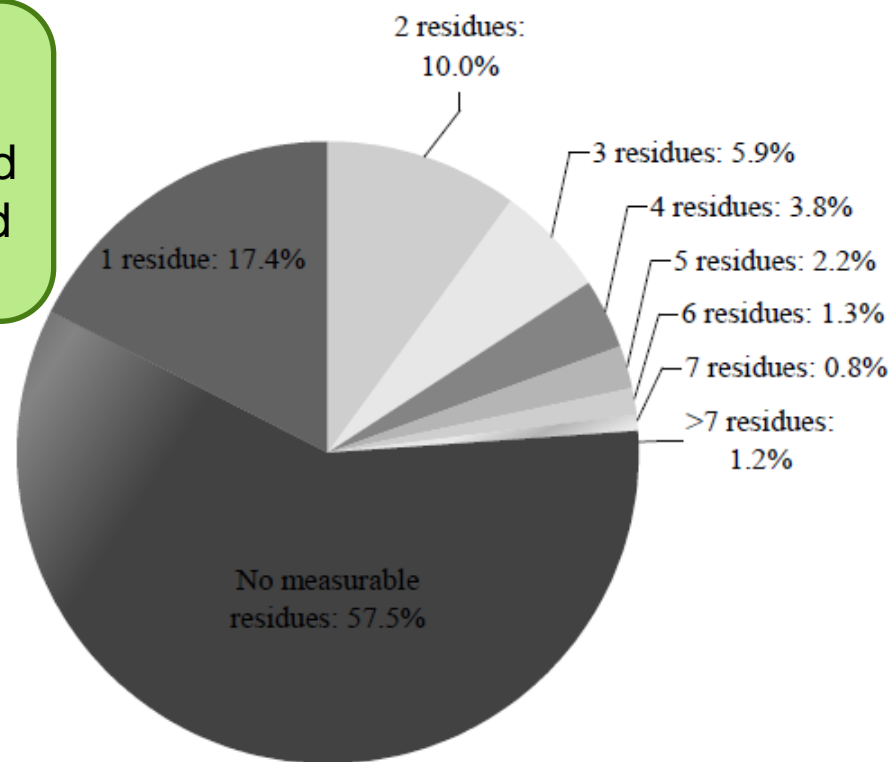
EU + national control program
Exceedances of EU MRLs according to origin of
sample (surveillance)

MRL exceedances and multiple residue findings

In 2006 4.4 % of the samples from the EU coordinated program exceeded the MRL

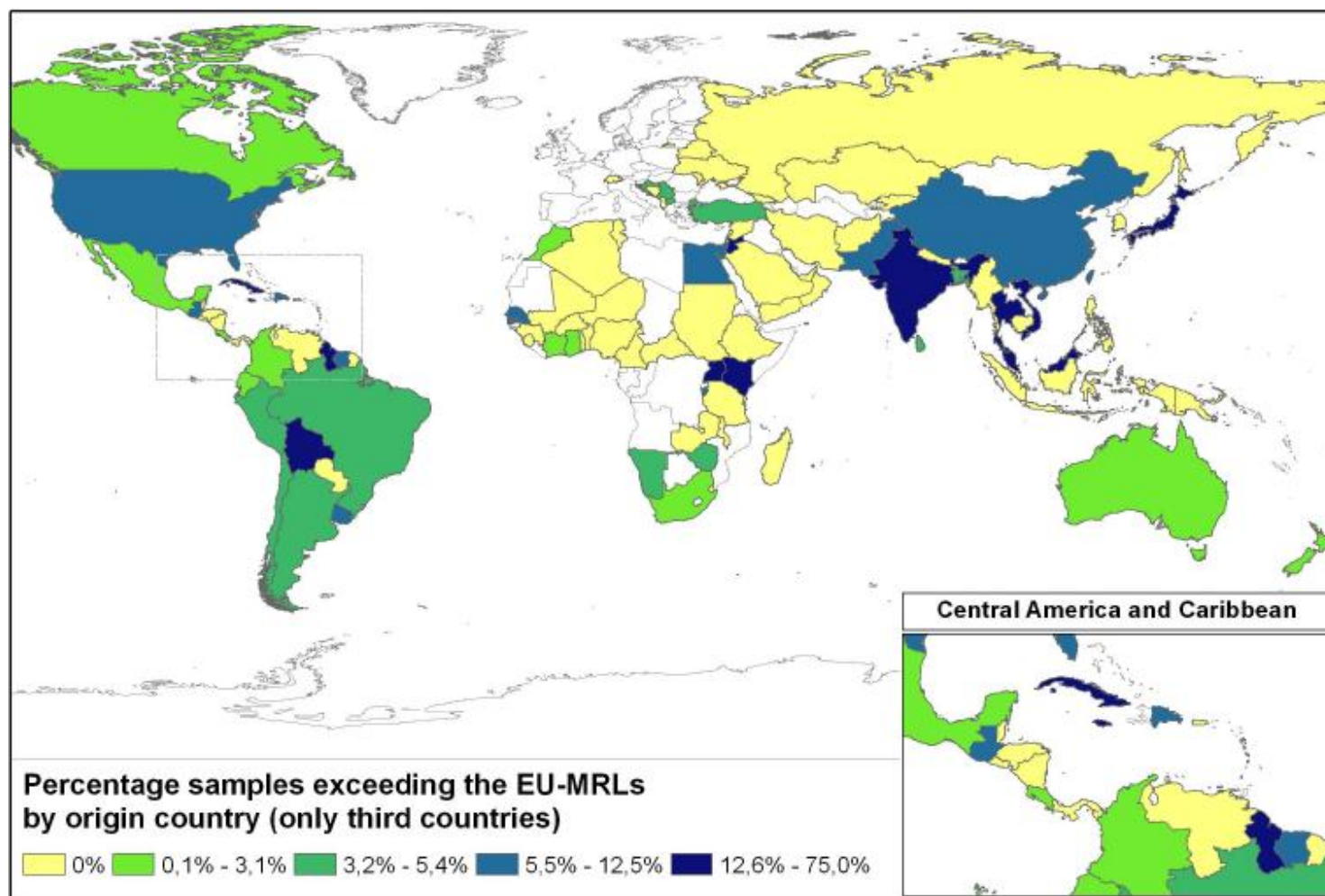


EU coordinated program
- Overall frequency of samples with and without measurable residues in 2009



EU + national control program
- Number of residues found in individual surveillance samples in 2009

Percentage of surveillance samples exceeding the EU-MRLs by origin country (only third countries)



Source: The 2009 European Union Report on Pesticide Residues in Food; <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/de/efsajournal/doc/2430.pdf>

Summary of analyzed samples originating from United States

Surveillance

Country of origin	No. of samples	Samples with no measurable residues				Samples with residues below or at the MRL				Samples with residues above the MRL			
		No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)	No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)	No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)
Ukraine	26	23	88.5	70.8	95.8	3	11.5	4.2	29.2	0	0.0	0.0	10.5
United Arab Emirates	1	1	100.0	22.4	100.0	0	0.0	0.0	77.6	0	0.0	0.0	77.6
United Kingdom	1951	1360	69.7	67.6	71.7	584	29.9	27.9	32.0	7	0.4	0.2	0.7
United States	327	136	41.6	36.4	47.0	166	50.8	45.4	56.2	25	7.7	5.2	11.1
Unknown	2566	1705	66.5	64.6	68.3	829	32.3	30.5	34.1	32	1.3	0.9	1.8
Uruguay	72	25	34.7	24.8	46.3	42	58.3	46.8	69.0	5	6.9	3.1	15.3
Venezuela	1	0	0.0	0.0	77.6	1	100.0	22.4	100.0	0	0.0	0.0	77.6
Vietnam	83	50	60.2	49.5	70.1	21	25.3	17.2	35.6	12	14.5	8.5	23.6
Yemen	2	2	100.0	36.8	100.0	0	0.0	0.0	63.2	0	0.0	0.0	63.2
Zambia	38	31	81.6	66.5	90.7	7	18.4	9.3	33.5	0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Zimbabwe	20	9	45.0	25.7	66.0	10	50.0	29.8	70.2	1	5.0	1.2	23.8

(a): Lower confidence limit; (b): Upper confidence limit

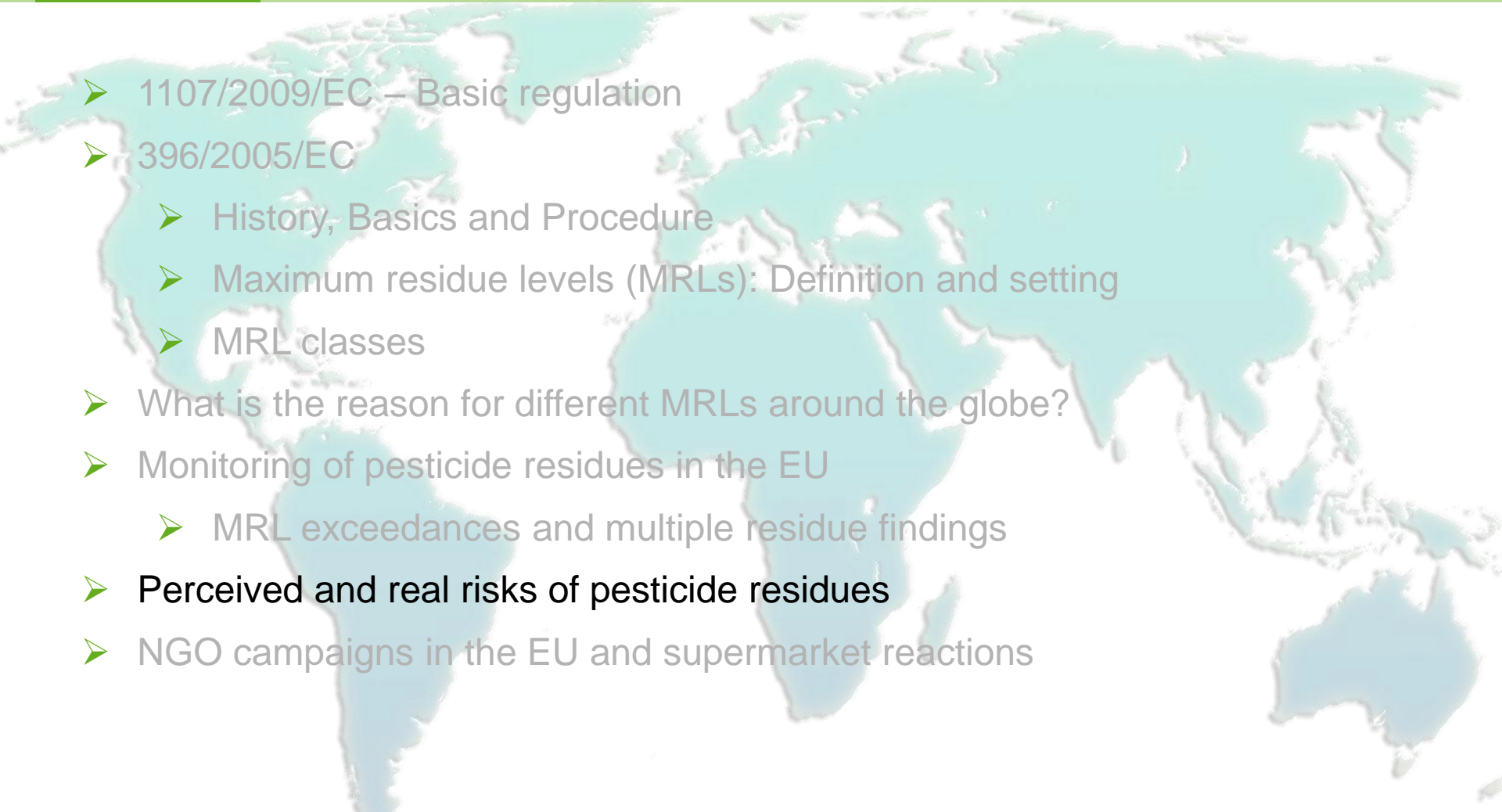
Enforcement

Country of origin	No. of samples	Samples with no measurable residues				Samples with residues below or at the MRL				Samples with residues above the MRL			
		No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)	No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)	No.	%	LCL ^(a)	UCL ^(b)
United Kingdom	1	0	0.0	0.0	77.6	0	0.0	0.0	77.6	1	100.0	22.4	100.0
United States	55	4	7.3	3.0	17.3	24	43.6	31.3	56.8	27	49.1	36.3	62.0
Unknown	78	26	33.3	23.9	44.4	41	52.6	41.6	63.3	11	14.1	8.1	23.6
Uruguay	2	1	50.0	9.4	90.6	0	0.0	0.0	63.2	1	50.0	9.4	90.6
Vietnam	5	4	80.0	35.9	95.7	0	0.0	0.0	39.3	1	20.0	4.3	64.1

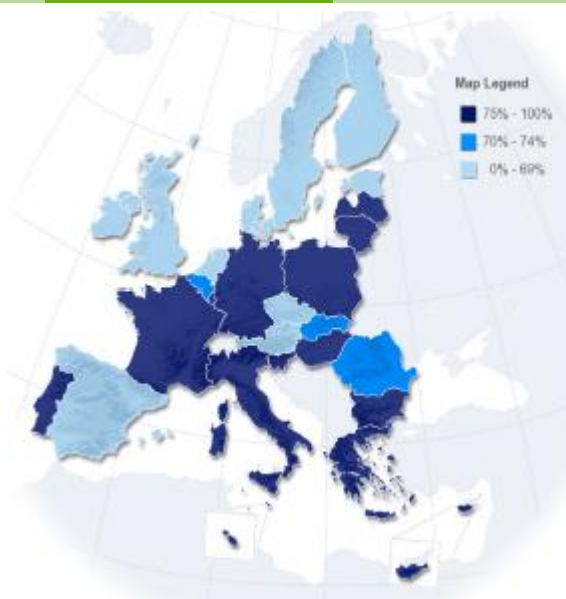
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Perceived and real risk Survey (EU) and RASFF

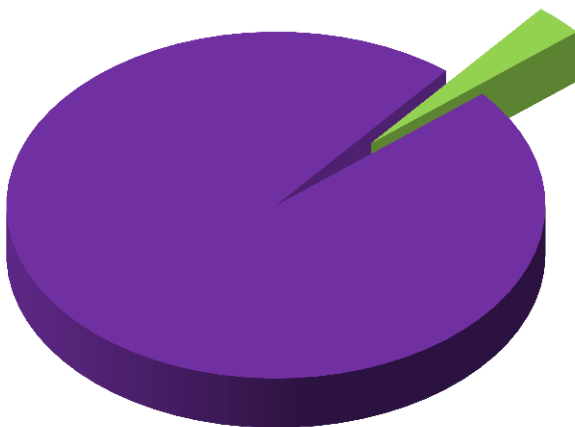


- 72 % of the population of the EU are worried about pesticide residues in food
- Netherlands & United Kingdom: 53 %
- Greece: 91 %

Source: EU, Special Eurobarometer 11/2010
http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_354_sum_en.pdf

- RASFF Annual Report 2010
- 576 Alert Notifications
 - 152 cases: potentially pathogenic microorganisms (26 %)
 - 68 cases: heavy metals (12 %)
 - 52 cases: allergens (9 %)
 - 47 cases: mycotoxins (8 %)
 - ...
 - 19 cases: pesticide residues (3 %)

Source: The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) – Annual Report 2010
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/rapidalert/docs/rasff_annual_report_2010_en.pdf



Alerts based on pesticide residues for produce originating from the US

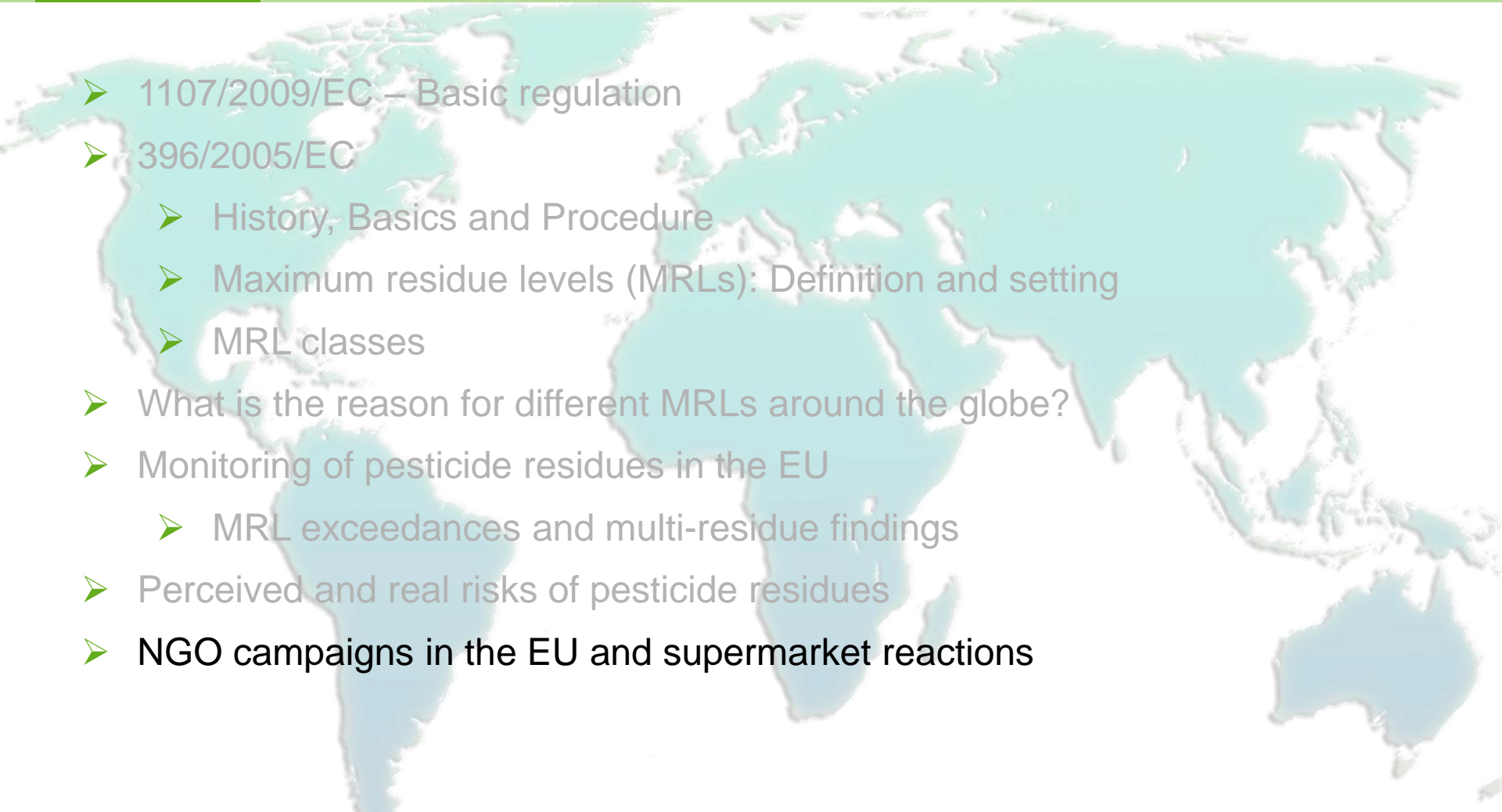
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	Classification	Date of case	Last change	Reference	Country	Subject	Product Category	Type	
1.	border rejection	22/12/2011	22/12/2011	2011.CSL	ES	glyphosate (0.28 mg/kg - ppm) in lentils from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
2.	information for follow-up	08/04/2011	15/09/2011	2011.0467	DE	glyphosate (2.4 mg/kg - ppm) in green lentils from the United States, via Turkey	fruits and vegetables	food	
3.	border rejection	07/01/2010	26/01/2012	2010.ABC	FI	endosulfan (0.34 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
4.	border rejection	11/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCO	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.16 mg/kg - ppm) and diazinon (0.025 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
5.	border rejection	11/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCN	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.22 mg/kg - ppm) and diazinon (0.024 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
6.	border rejection	11/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCM	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.14 mg/kg - ppm) and diazinon (0.03 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
7.	border rejection	11/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCI	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.11 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
8.	border rejection	09/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCF	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.17 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
9.	border rejection	09/12/2009	09/01/2012	2009.CCE	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.18 mg/kg - ppm) and carbaryl (0.13 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
10.	border rejection	24/11/2009	24/11/2009	2009.BZV	FI	azinphos-methyl (0.14 mg/kg - ppm) and diazinon (0.1 mg/kg - ppm) in apples from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
11.	information	20/01/2009	10/01/2011	2009.0058	IE	methomyl (0.09 - 0.06 mg/kg - ppm) in Crimson seedless bagged table grapes from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
12.	information	24/11/2008	10/01/2011	2008.1491	GB	methomyl (0.1 mg/kg - ppm) in grapes from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
13.	information	02/07/2008	05/08/2010	2008.0796	BE	carbaryl (0.16; 0.1 mg/kg - ppm) in fresh oranges from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
14.	information	21/01/2008	06/02/2012	2008.0064	GB	carbaryl (0.2 mg/kg - ppm) in peaches from the United States	fruits and vegetables	food	
15.	information	14/03/2007	19/10/2007	2007.AQV	CY	chlorpropham (0.038 mg/kg - ppm) in baby food from the United States	dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	food	
16.	information	27/01/2006		2006.AGU	FR	chlorpyrifos (0.1 mg/kg - ppm) in almonds powder from the United States via Spain	nuts, nut products and seeds	food	
17.	alert	08/12/1999		1999.92	DE	raticide in almonds	nuts, nut products and seeds	Food	
18.	alert	23/02/1984		1984.07	DE	ethylene dibromide in Cereals treated	cereals and bakery products	Food	

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NGO pressure on the food value chain



Source: Greenpeace – Essen ohne Pestizide 2007 Hintergrundinformationen.

http://www.greenpeace.de/fileadmin/gpd/user_upload/themen/umweltgifte/Hintergrund_Sumatra_2007.pdf

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Supermarket reaction in Germany

Tighter specifications



- max. 3–5 a.i./sample
- max. 70% of the MRL (individual a.i.)
- max. 80% of the MRL (cumulative)
- max. 80% ARfD-utilization (cumulative)



- max. 33.3% of the MRL (individual a.i.)
- max. 100% ARfD-utilization (cumulative)



- max. 5 a.i./sample
- max. 80% of the MRL (cumulative)
- max. 80% ARfD-utilization (individual a.i.)



- max. 70% of the MRL (individual a.i.)
- max. 50% of the MRL (individual a.i., own brand)



- max. 70% of the MRL (individual a.i.)
- max. 70% ARfD-utilization (individual a.i.)
- Blacklist



- max. 3–5 a.i./sample
- max. 70% of the MRL (cumulative)
- max. 70% ARfD-utilization (cumulative)

Secondary standards focus on residues and are well established!

ARfD = acute reference dose
MRL = maximum residue level
Source: UNIVeG 2009, ECPA 2009

Supermarket reaction in Germany

Increased testing (QS scheme)

Product	Risk group	Wholesale: one sample per ...t QS traded produce; but at least one sample	Multi methods	Dithiocarbamates	Inorganic total bromide	Nitrate	Chlormequat / Mepiquat	Dithianon	Dodine	Ethephon	Phenoxyalkyl carbonic acid	Phenylureae
1. FRUITS FRESH OR FROZEN; NUTS												
i) Citrus fruit												
Grapefruit (Shaddocks, pomelos, sweeties, tangelo, mineola, ugli and other hybrids, bergamot, bitter orange, chinotto and other hybrids)	5	500	x								O(2,4-D)	
Grapefruit (Shaddocks, pomelos, sweeties, tangelo, mineola, ugli and other hybrids, bergamot, bitter orange, chinotto and other hybrids); (Asia+Southern Africa)	7	180	x								O(2,4-D)	
Oranges	4	625	x								O(2,4-D)	
Lemons	4	625	x								O(2,4-D)	
Limes	7	180	x								O(2,4-D)	
Mandarins (Clementine, tangerine and other hybrids)	5	500	x								O(2,4-D)	
Others	7	180	x								O(2,4-D)	
(ii) Tree nuts (shelled or unshelled)												
Almonds	1	2500	x									
Brazil nut	1	2500	x									
Cashew nut	1	2500	x									
Chestnut	3	833	x		x							
Coconut	1	2500	x									
Hazelnut	1	2500	x									
Macadamia nut	1	2500	x									
Pecans	1	2500	x									
Pine nuts	1	2500	x									
Pistacio	1	2500	x									
Walnut	4	625	x									
Peanut	1	2500	x									
Others	4	625	x									

„Quality assurance schemes“

Apple

Wirkstoff /Substance	Gehalt /Residue [mg/kg]	HG /MRL [mg/kg]	AS HG /EH MRL [%]	VM /C [g]	VF	Aufnahme /Intake [mg/kg KG/BV]	AS ARfD /ARfD [%]	Anzahl WS /No. of SB
Boscalid	0,07	2	3,50	234,80	7	0,07	-	1
Pirimicarb	0,04	-	-	234,80	7	0,04	4,10	0
Pirimicarb (Summe)	0,04	2	2,00	234,80	7	-	-	1
Pyraclostrobin	0,02	0,3	6,67	234,80		0,03	6,80	1
Summe/Sum			12,17	Summe/Sum			10,90	3
Spez./Spec.			max. 80,00 %	Spez./Spec.			max. 80,00 %	max. 4

Nr. 2.1	Einhaltung des in der EU gültigen Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the EU-MRLs:	Ja
Nr. 2.2	Einhaltung der maximalen Anzahl der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the maximum number of substances:	Yes
Nr. 2.3	Einhaltung der akuten Referenzdosis (ARfD) für den Einzelwirkstoff: Compliance with the acute reference dose (ARfD) for the single substance:	Ja
Nr. 2.4	Auslastung des gesetzl. Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Utilization of the legal maximum MRLs of the single substances:	Yes
Nr. 2.4	Einhaltung der Auslastung von 70% für den Einzelwirkstoff: Compliance with the utilization of 70% of the EU-MRLs (single substance):	Ja
Nr. 2.4	Einhaltung der Auslastung des gesetzl. Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the legal maximum MRLs of the single substances:	Yes
Nr. 2.4	Einhaltung der Auslastung des gesetzl. Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the legal maximum MRLs of the single substances:	Ja
Nr. 2.4	Einhaltung der Auslastung des gesetzl. Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the legal maximum MRLs of the single substances:	Yes
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Nr. 2.4	Einhaltung der Auslastung des gesetzl. Höchstgehalts der Einzelwirkstoffe: Compliance with the legal maximum MRLs of the single substances:	Yes

Das Erzeugnis entspricht den Anforderungen der ALDI-Spezifikation .
The present product complies with the ALDI specification .

United Kingdom TESCO's PPPL and its global impact

TESCO NATURES CHOICE PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCT LIST

Year 5 Final PPPL Approved 31st July 2009

Reference NC090714B
Previous PPPL Reference NC080717A
Audax

FINAL PPPL

SECTION 1

Primary supplier/s:	Griffin & Brand, Primafruit Ltd, A. Gomez, Grapes Direct Ltd, Richard Hochfeld Ltd, Keelings Multiples ROI, Subsole, Gesex, Rio Blanco
Product Group/Crop:	Table Grapes
Method of production:	Grapes grown in soil in vineyards
Country:	Chile
Third party verifier:	AUDAX



Date of issue:	31/07/2009
Final date for delivery to grower:	21/08/2009
Date of expiry:	30/07/2010
Authorising signature:	Matt Surgeon Griffin and Brand

Trade names (examples of)	Active Ingredient	Proposed Use	Manufacturers HI	Agreed HI	Comments	EU/ CODEX MRL mg/Kg	Condition of use	Crop
Cantus	Boscalid	Botrytis	5	7	Reg no: 2462	5		Table Grapes
Bellis	Boscalid + Pyraclostrobin	Botrytis, Oïdo, Mildew, Sour rot	7	21	REGISTERED SAG CHILE N° 2543 SUIZA	5 Boscalid 1 Pyraclostrobin		Table Grapes

- Nature's Choice: Plant Protection Product Lists (PPPL)
- Listing is specific for active ingredient, crop and region
- Audax is the company managing Tesco's pesticide policy

Conclusions

- After implementation of regulation 396/2005/EC MRLs are harmonized across the EU
- Harmonized EU MRLs ease export to the EU
- For setting MRLs harmonized MRL classes are used in the EU and NAFTA
- Overall, MRL exceedances are decreasing
- Default MRLs are the main reason for MRL exceedances
- Growers need not only match legal standards (MRLs) but also „secondary standards“ set by supermarkets



Thank you for your attention



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Links

EU Pesticide Residue MRLs

http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public/index.cfm

EFSA The 2009 European Union Report on Pesticide Residue in Food

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/2430.htm>

Regulation 1107/2009/EC

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