

Discussion and recommendations (1)

The group discussed the existing data and data sharing systems and found that a lot of information is available, but it is scattered and difficult to obtain.

It identified what is missing and as a result the group concluded to find a platform for data exchange to collect and combine all information available:

Discussion and recommendations (2)

- information needed,
- all available uses (registrations, authorisations, approvals),
- available trials and planned trials
- growing areas and classification concerning very minor, minor and major (area/consumption)
- MRLs
- basic information on minor use procedures and financing, minor use definitions
- who is the contact, who has the information,

Discussion and recommendations (3)

As a first step the group recommends to establish an Internet-portal which connects to all information available. It agreed to recommend the establishment of a working group to facilitate this action.

As a second step the group recommends to build on activities already under way in OECD and FAO and establish databases containing the following information:

- registration, authorisations, approvals
- MRLs
- contacts

Discussion and recommendations (4)

In a third step a database would continue to be built upon ongoing efforts and include existing and planned trials on efficacy (incl. phytotox) and residues and would require inclusion of a contact point to those trials.

This does not necessarily mean a single database be developed, but regional or specialised databases should be developed along consistent formats.

Ensure relevant companies are actively involved at the pre-planning stages of minor use development work.

Discussion and recommendations (5)

In order to implement these recommendations and enhance international cooperation on minor use issues the following points need to be addressed:

- need common nomenclature (e.g., authorisations, approvals and registrations),
- ensure development of a harmonised coding system for crops and targets (pests),
- find ways to increase trust among regulators (all fields of co-operation),
- secure political commitment to increase data sharing and joint reviews,
- issues involving the ownership of data,
- need to take account of grower priorities in a coordinated minor use development programme.