



ARE COMMISSION DECISION BASED ON THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE AND ON SCIENCE?

- There are numerous loopholes, backdoors and derogations: “confirmatory data”, “120-day derogation”, “minor use”, etc., etc. ; PAN-report “Resubmission”, [PAN report Resubmission](#) (deal with industry to give banned pesticides a second chance under threat of massive court cases) and two PAN-reports on 120-day loophole, [PAN report 120-day derogation](#) (yearly hundreds of unjustified derogations for banned pesticides), on "essential uses", [PAN-report on Metam](#) ; Ministries of agriculture rule in the decisive "Standing Committee" (voting system for MS), they many times only care about the supply of pesticides for their farmers
- Crazy situation: Ministries of agriculture decide on health and the environment.
- DG SANTE is dealing and wheeling; SANTE needs to get a majority vote; need to find compromises with big MS
- Secret deal between DG SANTE and the (big) member states on the environment; banning pesticides “solely” for environmental reasons is not acceptable; now they illegally allow pesticides on the market with high risks for birds, mammals, frogs, etc. with the hope something is being done on national level
- Only positive exception: bees; very remarkable; this was the first time the precautionary principle was used; pressure from the public was the trigger.