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HOW TO FIND INFORMATION ON EC REGULATORY DECISIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES UNDER THE AUTHORISATION DIRECTIVE 91/414

The relevant Pesticide Authorisations page under DG SANCO website is at
http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/evaluation/index_en.htm

For all regulatory decisions and active substances pending review, you need to look
in the large Excel spreadsheet named
[Status of active substances under EU review \(doc. 3010\)](#)

This spreadsheet lists 1,149 active substances and their status, divided into Existing
and New substances, according to whether they were on the EU market when the
EU started harmonising pesticide approvals in 1993. The pesticides were divided
into 4 groupings for organising the review. Groups 1 and 2 have all been assessed
and approval or rejection decisions made, while groups 3 and 4 are still under review,
although many of these have not been put forward by manufacturers for
consideration review. The table colour codes regulatory status:

All **green** coloured actives are approved at EU level and included on Annex 1 of
91/414

All **brown** actives have been excluded from Annex 1, either rejected by the EC
Standing Committee on the Food Chain & Animal Health for inclusion, not notified by
the manufacturers for consideration in the review, or old actives superceded or not
registered in the EU Member States.

All **yellow** actives are pending review assessment or decisions.

NB the New Substances are at the end of the spreadsheet, so make sure to scroll
down to the bottom to find these. In the spreadsheet you can also see dates for MRL
decisions and Acceptable Daily Intake info.

The column headed Legislation gives you the date of the legal decision for each
substance. You can see these decisions by clicking on Legal Framework back on the
Pesticides Authorisations intro page at
http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/evaluation/framework_en.htm

Here you can download documents for most of the decisions and their legal numbering in the EU Official Journal (but recent decisions take some months to be turned into decision regulations and enter the Official Journal).

The spreadsheet Contacts is useful as it provides regularly updated national and EC contact names and contact details for government and Commission officials involved in pesticide regulation.

You can also find EU legislation on Maximum Residue Levels here, although the main links to the big spreadsheets of active substance/crop MRLs are back at http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/pesticides/index_en.htm

What you won't find on the DG SANCO web pages are regulatory decisions on pesticides authorised for non-agricultural use. Such biocides are covered under a separate Biocides directive EC 98/8 and managed by DG Environment. You can find this info on the DG Environment section on Chemicals:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/> and look for Biocidal Products at the bottom of the left hand column.