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Irish Regulatory Perspective on Pesticides

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What is a pesticide?



Plant Protection Products

Fungicides
Herbicides
Insecticides
Molluscicides
Growth regulators

Biocidal Products

Disinfectants / hand
sanitisers
Preservatives for wood etc..
Rodenticides etc..
Embalming fluid
Any product not covered by
PPP, Veterinary Cosmetic
or REACH legislation



The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the Competent Authority in Ireland for the regulation of pesticides

Approval of Pesticides
(Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009)

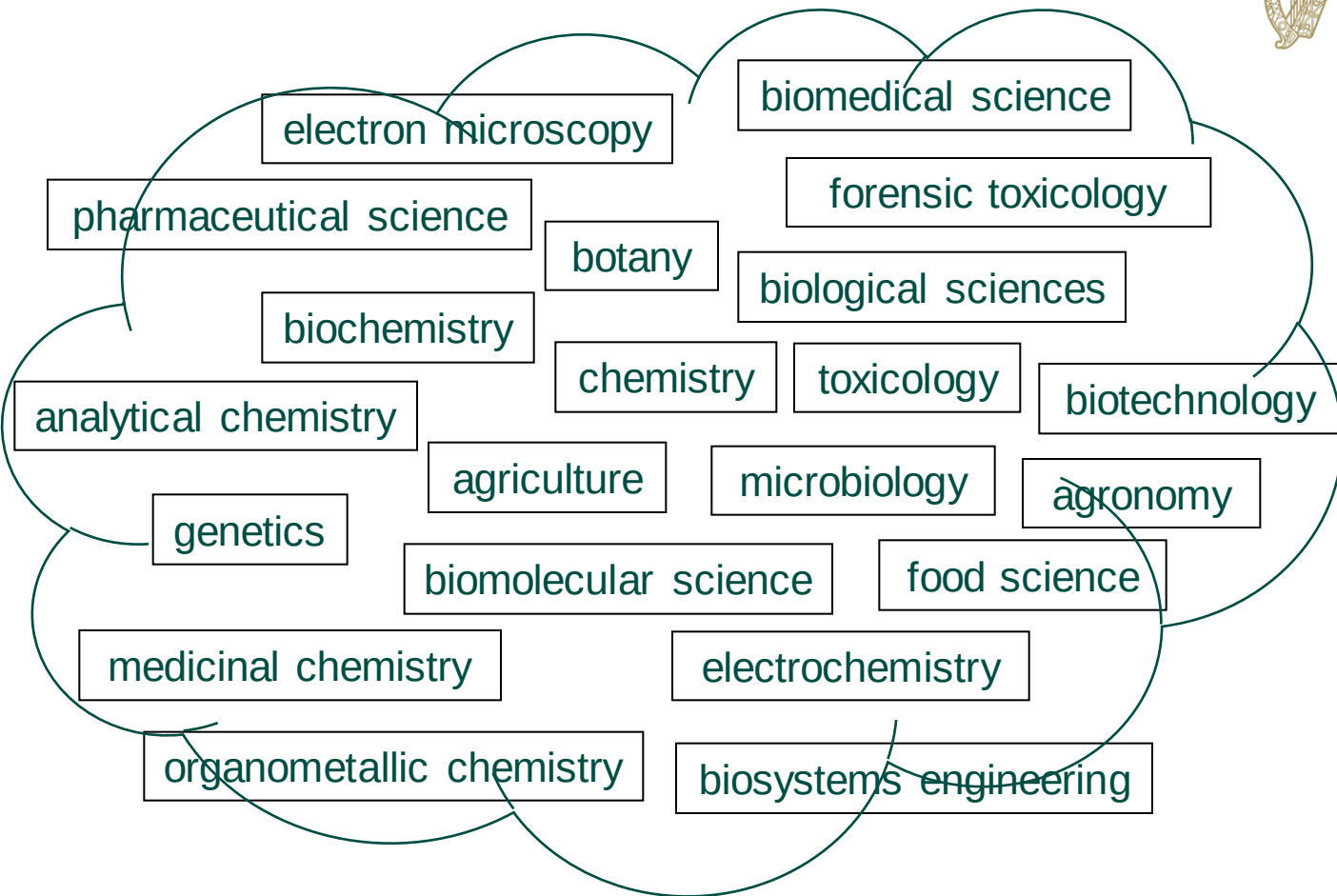
Pesticide Registration Division
Pesticide Controls Division
Food Chemistry Laboratory

Maximum Residue Levels
Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005

**Sustainable Use of
Pesticides**
Directive 2009/128/EC

Biocides

Regulation (EU) No. 528/2012





A short History Recap:

1991- 2009

Directive 91/414/EEC

Uniform principles,

Harmonisation

Work-sharing- EU/ Global (**Risk based**)





2006:

Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides

- Amend Directive 91/414/EEC
- New Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009

- Hazard – “Cut off” criteria
- Precautionary Principle
- Zonal Approach/ Harmonisation

How we fit into the EU process



Active substances



Plant protection products

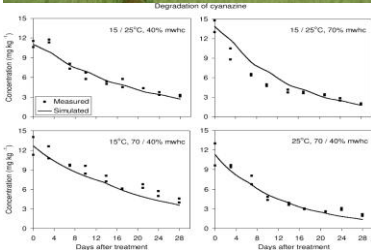


Zonal System – Ireland within the Central Zone

Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 – Maximum Residue Levels



MRLs are set at EU level



Multiannual Control Plan



Sustainable Use Directive (SUD)

Directive 2009/128/EC

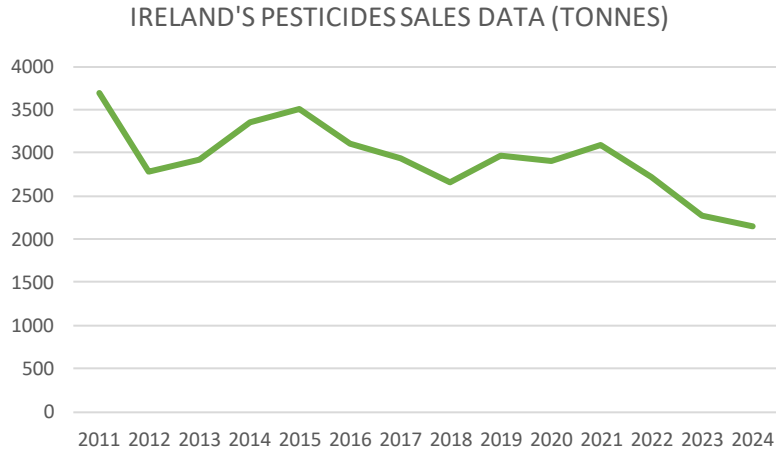
Established a framework to achieve a **sustainable** use of pesticides:

E.g. Training / Equipment / Storage, supply, disposal/
Integrated Pest Management



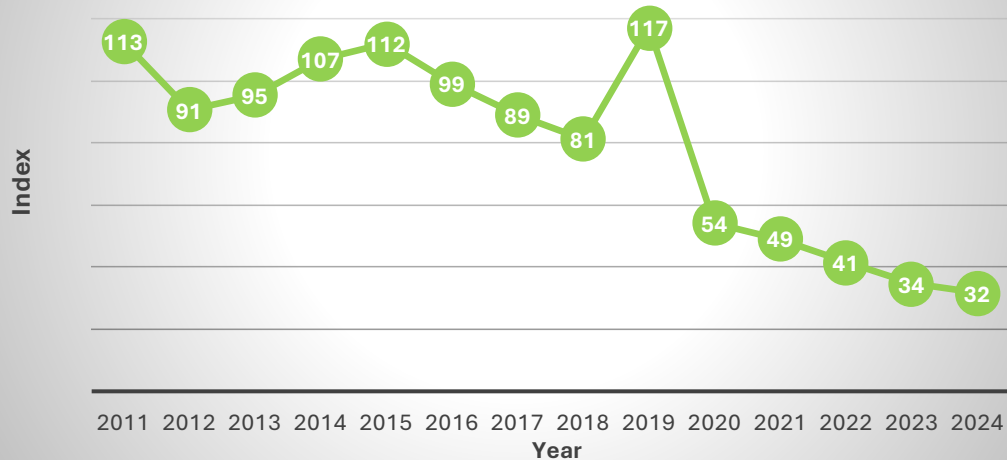


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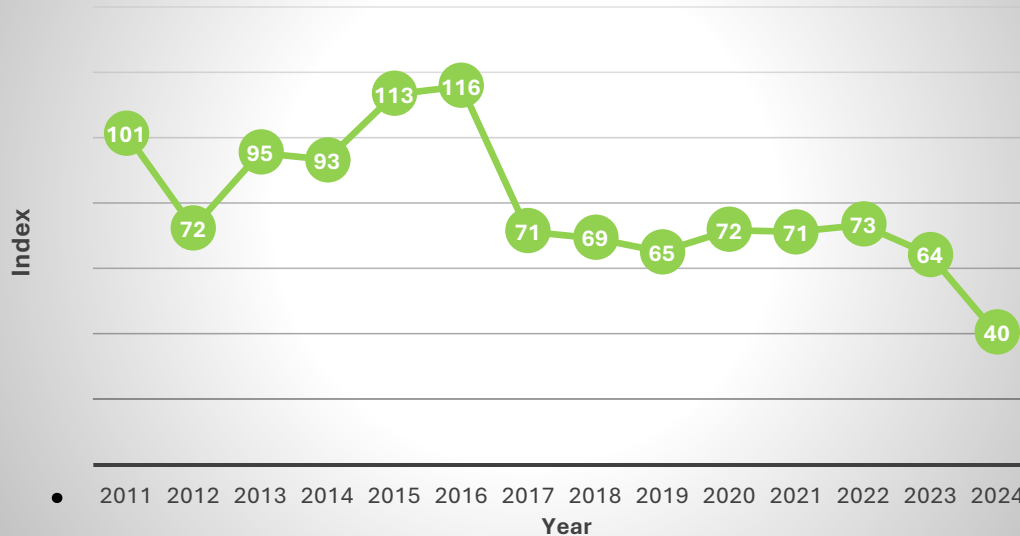


IE trend in the use and risk of pesticides





IE trend in the use of more hazardous pesticides

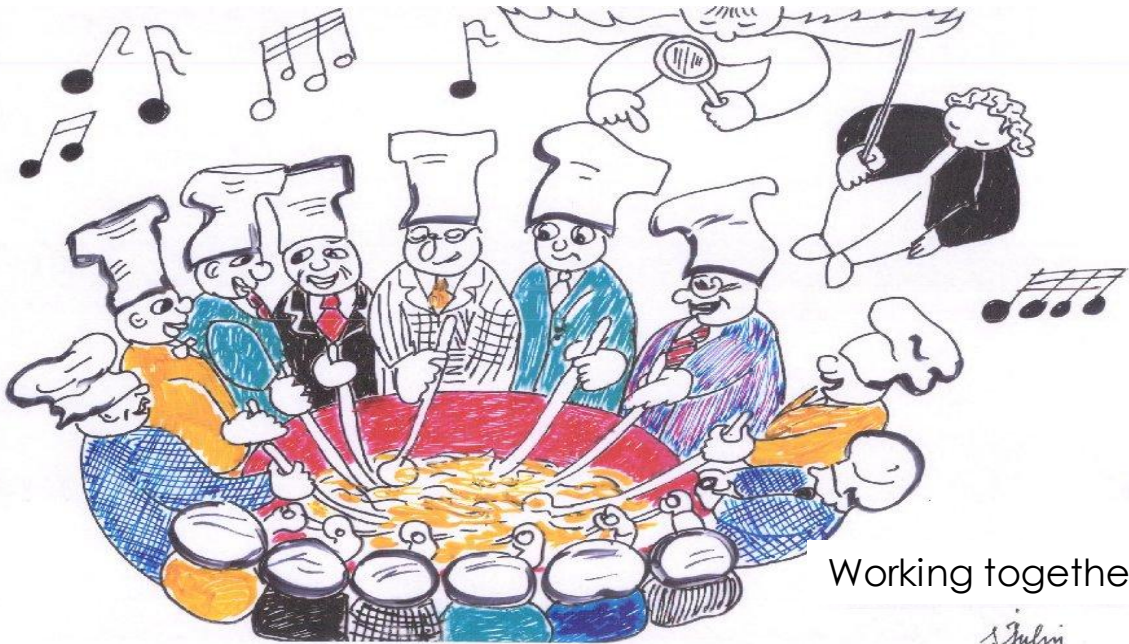


Food and Feed Simplification Omnibus



- Council agreed negotiating mandate -30/09/2026
- Irish Presidency – Honest Broker
- Next steps





Working together

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