

### Better Training for Safer Food Initiative

Derogations applied in Member States regarding the need of inspection of certain PAE

Risk assessment

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#### Outline

- Derogations in different Member States: causes and consequences
- Environmental risk during the spraying application process
- Risk assessment



#### **EU regulation**

 DIRECTIVE 2009/128/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 21 October 2009
 Establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides
 (SUD – sustainable use directive)





#### SUD:

- CHAPTER III PESTICIDE APPLICATION EQUIPMENT Article 8 - Inspection of equipment in use
- Paragraph 1: MS to establish mandatory inspection of PAE in professional use
- Paragraph 2: until 14 December 2016





### Pragraph 3:

derogating from (1) and (2), on the basis of a risk

assessment considering the scale of use, MS may

- a) apply different inspection intervals for non-spraying PAE, handheld PAE, knapsack sprayers and other PAE with low scale of use (but not mounted on aircrafts or trains and boom sprayers wider than 3 m)
- b) exempt handheld PAE and knapsack sprayers, if users are trained and informed about specific risks





1 boom sprayers	
2 bush and tree crop sprayers	
3 hand-operated PAE	
4 non-spraying PAE	
5 handheld PAE	
6 knapsack sprayers	
7 PAE of low scale use	
8 train and aircraft sprayers	

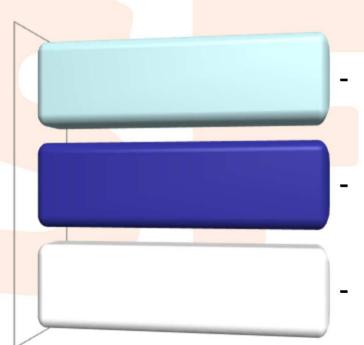
Paragraph 3 a: different inspection intervals

Paragraph 3 b: exemption



# Which of the following equipment has to be inspected for the first time by 14 December 2016?

- 1. Lever-operated knapsack sprayer
- 2. Tractor-mounted vineyard sprayer
- 3. Tractor-mounted granule applicator









#### **Germany – Legal Ordinance on PAE**

- principal requirements on sprayer inspections
- different time table for some equipment
- exemptions from inspection





#### **Germany - to be inspected until end of 2020:**



 seed dressing equipment



 wiping equipment



granule applicators



soil decontamination equipment



- **Risk** combination of a <u>hazard</u> and its <u>likelihood</u>
- **Hazard** <u>potential source</u> of harm or adverse effect





#### **Environmental risk**

- 1. efficient product
- 2. right time (state of pest, disease or weed ...)
- 3. right dose and application rate
- 4. suitable conditions (weather ...)
- 5. appropriate application (sprayer ...)

#### efficacy > environmental risk





#### **Environment**

- Humans (operators, bystanders, consumers)
- air
- water
- soil
- non-target organisms





#### Main hazards for environmental contamination

- filling "accidents"
- leakage
- over- or under-dosing
- spray drift
- disposal of residues and cleaning

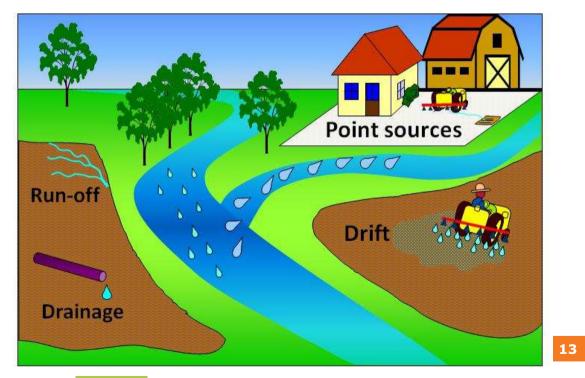




#### **Example: Risk of surface water contamination**

#### Hazards:

- point sources
  (filling, cleaning ...)
- diffuse sources
  (drift ...)



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#### Hazards – filling

backflow



• overflow (foaming)



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Hazards – leakage



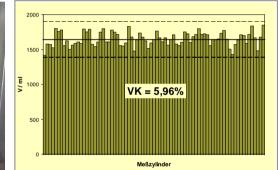




#### Hazards – over- and under-dosing

• uneven distribution





• insufficient agitation

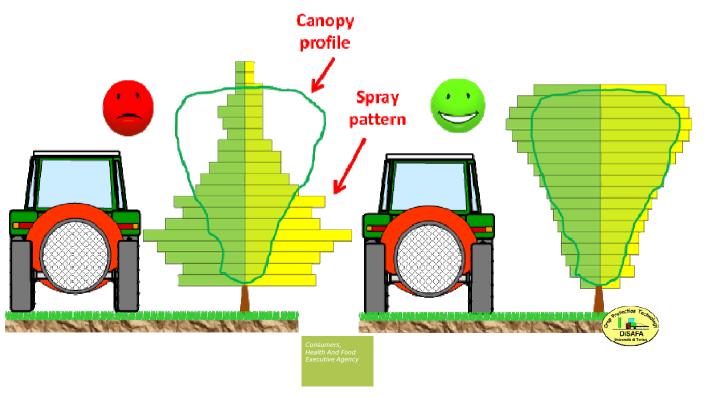


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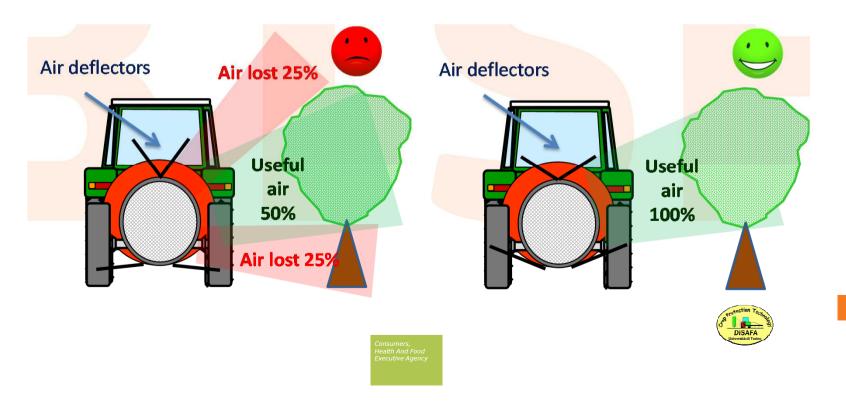
• inappropriate distribution





#### Hazards – over- and under-dosing

inappropriate distribution



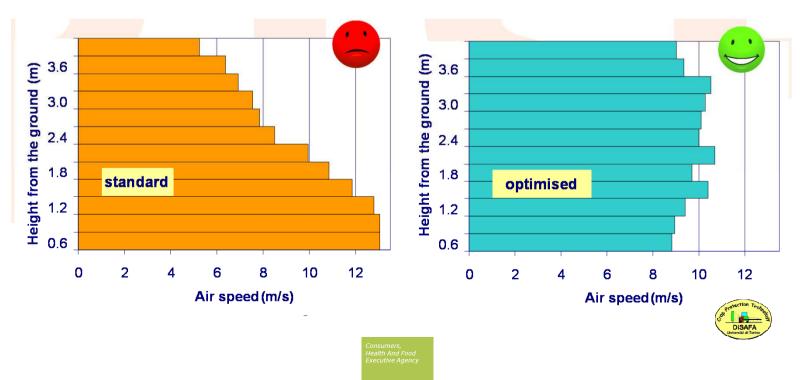


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### **Environmental risk during the spray application process**

#### Hazards – over- and under-dosing

inappropriate penetration





Hazards – spray drift

• high drift potential



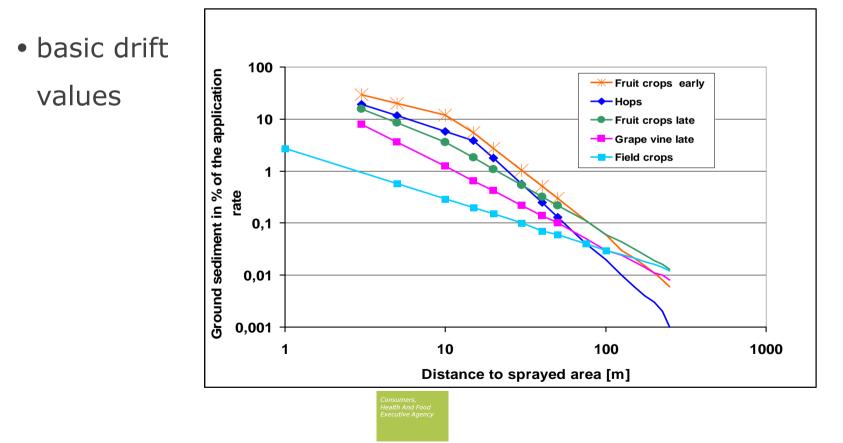
• poor sprayer adjustment





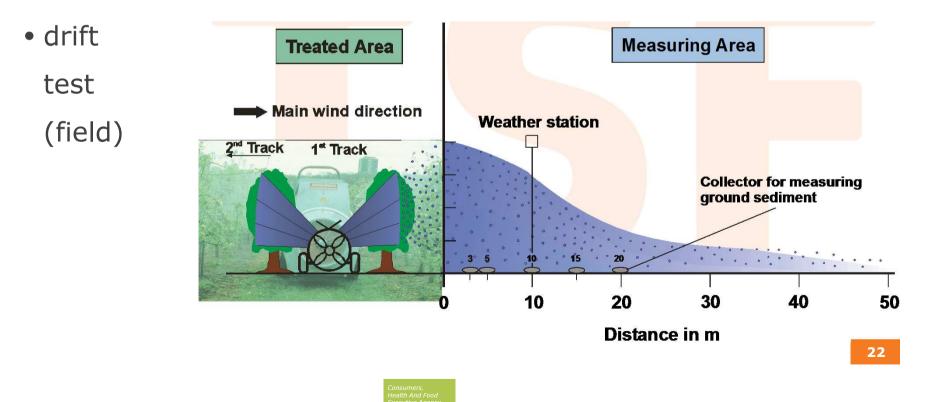


#### Hazards – spray drift





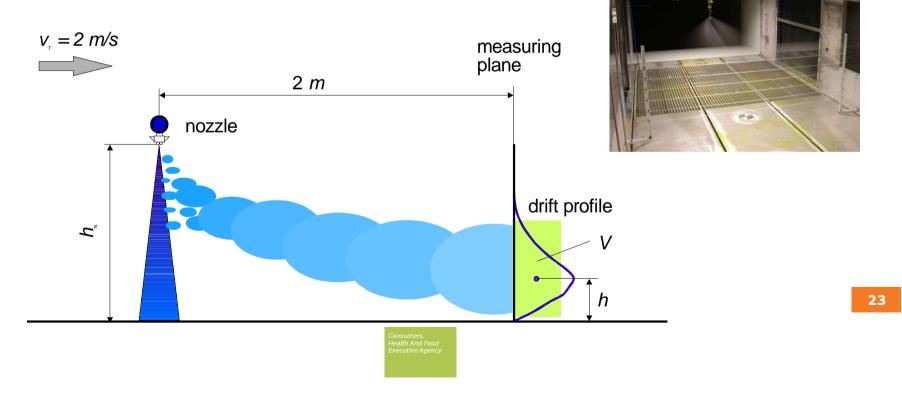
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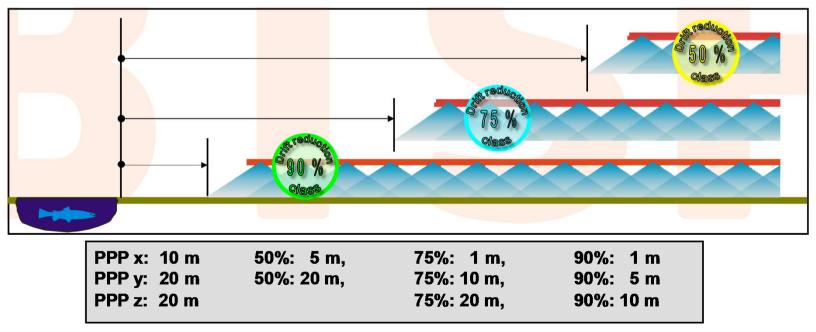
• drift test (wind tunnel)





Hazards – spray drift

• non-spray buffer zones

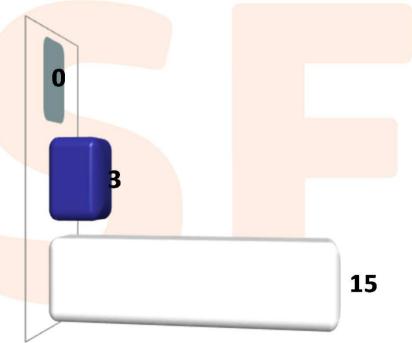






## Which loss of product belongs to spray drift?

- Run-off from the treated field during next rainfall
- Vapor from treated crop the day after application
- Air-borne droplets above the adjacent field







### Hazards – residues and cleaning

• residues



clean the sprayer
 on the field







#### Hazards – residues and cleaning





#### **Risk assessment**

- **Risk** combination of a <u>hazard</u> and its <u>likelihood</u>
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#### **Risk assessment – rating of hazards**

Rating: 1 - very low, 5 - very high	boom sprayers	bush and tree crop sprayers	hand-operated PAE	non-spraying PAE	handheld PAE	knapsack sprayers	PAE of low scale use	train sprayers	aerial PAE
1 power transmission	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2 pump	4	3	3	1	1	2	3	5	5
3 agitation	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	4	4
4 spray liquid tank	5	5	4	3	3	4	5	5	5
5 measuring, control and regulation	4	3	2	3	0	2	3	4	4
6 pipes and hoses	4	4	4	1	0	3	3	4	4
7 filtering	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	3
8 spray boom	4	3	1	1	0	1	3	3	4
9 nozzles	4	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
10 distribution	2	4	1	2	0	1	2	4	5
11 blower	1	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
total	37	39	28	17	9	21	31	39	41
nominal volume / 1000 l	3	1.5	0.3	0.05	0.001	0.01	0.1	10	0.2
hazard	111	59	8	1	0	0	3	390	8





#### **Risk assessment - Germany**

	boom sprayers	bush and tree crop sprayers	hand-operated PAE	non-spraying PAE	handheld PAE	knapsack sprayers	PAE of low scale use	train sprayers	aerial PAE
hazard	111	59	8	1	0	0	3	390	8
number of sprayers / 1000	140	32	32	13.5	220	400	5	0.03	0.008
risk	15.5	1.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0





#### **Risk assessment - Germany**

### **PAE** exempted from inspection:



 handheld equipment



 motorised knapsack sprayers



 manually operated knapsack sprayers



 handheld centrifugal sprayers



### Question 6 – 3: Why are train sprayers not exempted from regular inspection?

- 1. The environmental risk is too high
- 2. The individual hazard from a train sprayer is too high
- 3. It is easy to inspect them





### Thank you for your attention.

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