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Workshop Lecture 3:2 Inspections of sprayers following EN-ISO16122

Part 3: Sprayers for bush- and tree crops

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1. Instructions:

In this workshop, the attendants will inspect a field-crop sprayer according to the standard EN-ISO 16122. Because the time is limited only a short inspection will be performed without the needed measurements.

The group will be divided in two small groups and each group will perform an inspection following the requirements in par.4 of EN-ISO 16122:3.

The sprayer is prepared, filled with clean water and ready to operate. The tutor or an assistant will operate the sprayer on instructions of the participants. The results of the inspection will be summarized on the inspection report and discussed afterwards.



2. Pre-inspection

In EN-ISO 16122:1 is a pre-inspection defined in order to be sure to perform the inspections in a safe way and efficient way, both for the inspector, the workshop and the environment.

Make a pre-inspection according to the following elements:

1. General

- a. Condition and calibration of the testing equipment
Not needed

2. Place for inspection

- a. Risk on pollution and water contamination
Check if risk on pollution and water contamination avoided

3. Pre-inspection

- a. Cleaning of the sprayer (outside and inside)
Check if the sprayer is clean, both from the inside and outside and if any residues of pesticides are present
- b. General condition of the sprayer on the following elements:
 - i. Power-transmission parts
Check if all guards of the power-transmission parts are present and in good condition
 - ii. Moving parts
Check if the guarding of all moving parts is present and in good condition
 - iii. Pipes and hoses for hydraulic transmission
Check the condition of all pipes and hoses on the sprayer needed for hydraulic transmission
 - iv. Structural parts and framework
Check the condition of the structural parts and framework of the sprayer on point which can affect the strength of the sprayer
 - v. Lockable foldable parts
Not needed
 - vi. Blower
 1. General
Check if the blower is in good condition:
 - *Condition blades*
 - *Mechanical deformation, vibrations*
 - *Guarding present and in good condition*
 2. Clutch
If present, check if the clutch to switch off the blower function properly.

4. Conclusion

If the sprayer is safe and clean, than the inspection can starts, else first this faults has to be repaired before the inspection can start.

Fill in the results of the pre-inspection of the inspection report on page 7 together with the data of the inspection and the sprayer.



3. Inspection following EN-ISO 16122:3 Sprayers for bush and tree crops

Make an inspection of the sprayer following this points, fill in the results and conclusion on the attached inspection report.

1. Leakages

- a. Static leakages
Sprayer not running, observe on leakages.
- b. Dynamic leakages
 - i. Not-spraying
*Sprayer running at maximum pressure, **with the section valves closed**, observe on leakages*
 - ii. While spraying
*Sprayer running at pressure of 5 bar, **with section valves opened (spraying)**, observe on leakages.*
- c. Spraying on parts of the sprayer
While spraying with the spray-boom at normal working height, observe if there is any spraying on parts of the sprayer.

2. Pump

- a. Capacity
Not needed
- b. Pulsations
While spraying at a pressure of 3 bar observe on the spray-manometer the pulsations of the pump.
- c. Air chamber
Not needed

3. Spray mix agitation

While spraying at a pressure of 5 bar, observe in the spray tank the functioning of the agitation system.

4. Spray liquid tank

- a. Lid
Check presence and condition of the lid on the spray tank
- b. Filling hole
Check presence and condition of the strainer in the filling hole
- c. Induction hopper
If present, check functioning of induction hopper
- d. Pressure compensation
Check presence and functioning of pressure compensation of the spray tank.
- e. Tank content indicator
Check tank content indicator on presence, visibility and functioning.
- f. Tank emptying
Check device for emptying the spray tank
- g. Tank filling
If present check functioning tank filling device.
- h. Cleaning device for plant protection containers



If present check functioning cleaning device for empty containers

i. Cleaning equipment

If present check functioning cleaning device for spray tank.

5. Measuring systems, controls and regulation systems

a. Functioning

Check all present systems on functioning

b. Visible and reachable

Check if all needed control elements are visible and reachable from the operator position.

c. Pressure indicator

i. Scale

Check the scale of the manometer

ii. Accuracy

Not needed

iii. Diameter

Check the diameter of the manometer

d. Pressure adjusting device

Check functioning of pressure adjusting device

6. Line (pipes and hoses)

a. Condition

Check all lines and hoses in the spray liquid system on excessive bending, corrosion, wear and cracks.

7. Filters

a. Presence and condition

Check on presence of suction and pressure filter. Check on condition not needed.

b. Isolating device

Check if it possible to check the filters without emptying the tank.

c. Filter insert changeability

Not needed

8. Nozzles

a. Symmetry

Check if the nozzle arrangement left and right side is symmetric.

b. Dripping

Check if all nozzle stop spraying and dripping after the spray has stopped.

c. Switching off

If provided, check if the system for switching each nozzle separately is functioning

d. Adjustment

Check if it is possible to adjust the position of the nozzles in a symmetric and reproducible manner.

9. Pressure drop

a. General

Checking of pressure drop not needed.

b. Compensative returns

Not needed



- c. Uniformity of spray jet
With the blower switched off, check if each nozzle forms a uniform spray jet.
- d. Flow rate measurements
Not needed
- e. Optional vertical distribution
Demonstration of measurement of the vertical distribution

10. Blower

- a. Air guide blades
Check if the guide blades for the air are adjustable and if this adjustability is functioning.



4. Inspection report EN-ISO 16122:3 :

Data inspection:			
Date of inspection			
Name inspector			
Data of inspected sprayer:			
Brand and type			
Serial number			
Year of construction			
Drive	Mounted	Trailed	Self-propelled
Pre-inspection:			
Cleanness of sprayer	Outside	Okay	Not okay
	Inside	Okay	Not okay
Safe of the sprayer	PTO	Okay	Not okay
	Moving parts	Okay	Not okay
	Hydraulic system	Okay	Not okay
	Frame	Okay	Not okay
	Lockable folding parts	Okay	Not okay
	Blower	Okay	Not okay
Conclusion:	Continue inspection		Stop inspection
Inspection:			
1. Leakages	Static leakages	Okay	Not okay
	Dynamic leakages (not spraying)	Okay	Not okay
	Dynamic leakages (spraying)	Okay	Not okay
	Spraying on parts	Okay	Not okay
2. Pump	Capacity	Okay	Not okay
	Pulsations	Okay	Not okay
	Air chamber	Okay	Not okay
3. Spray mix agitation	Functioning	Okay	Not okay
4. Spray liquid tank	Lid	Okay	Not okay
	Filling hole	Okay	Not okay
	Induction hopper	Okay	Not okay
	Pressure compensation	Okay	Not okay
	Tank content indicator	Okay	Not okay
	Tank emptying	Okay	Not okay
	Tank filling	Okay	Not okay
	Cleaning device for empty containers	Okay	Not okay
	Cleaning equipment	Okay	Not okay
5. Measuring systems, controls and regulation systems	Functioning	Okay	Not okay
	Visible and reachable	Okay	Not okay
	Pressure indicator: Scale	Okay	Not okay
	Pressure indicator: Accuracy	Okay	Not okay
	Pressure indicator: Diameter	Okay	Not okay
	Pressure adjusting device	Okay	Not okay
6. Lines (pipes and hoses)	Condition	Okay	Not okay
7. Filters	Presence and condition	Okay	Not okay
	Isolating device	Okay	Not okay
	Filter insert changeability	Okay	Not okay
8. Nozzles	Symmetry	Okay	Not okay
	Dripping	Okay	Not okay
	Switching off	Okay	Not okay
	Adjustment	Okay	Not okay
9. Pressure drop	Pressure drop	Okay	Not okay
	Compensative returns	Okay	Not okay
	Uniformity of spray jet	Okay	Not okay
	Nozzle flow rate	Okay	Not okay
	Vertical distribution	Okay	Not okay
10. Blower	Air guide blades	Okay	Not okay
Conclusion:			
Sprayer approved	Sprayer disapproved		
	With the following remarks:		...
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