

Actions Phosphonic Acid and residues



- February
 - Finalization strategy and send to Commission, members and all stakeholders
 - Workshop BIOFACH with over 200 participants
- March
 - Renewed attention to Commission
- April
 - Exchange with EOCC
 - Exchange with RESCUE group
 - Exchange with Skal
 - Support OPTA members from BioNederland with a procedural proposal towards Skal

Actual situation Phosphonic Acid and residues



Delicate situation on political level

- Commission point of vu:
 - Demanding for research on each finding and notify in OFIS
 - Urges the members of EOCC not to handle cases easy off with the top 5 “excuses”, like drift neighbours, natural occurrence and persistent substance
 - Has send a letter to CB’s and CA’s how to handle ETO, so giving orders to national level who is responsible for implementation.
- Sector point of vu:
 - Commission has a superficial view on the topic of substances (far from reality)
 - Organic has to suffer under the Commission aim to fight chemical substances
 - The developments in higher pressure of contaminations and lab progress in detection methods puts more and more pressure on organic.
 - CA’s/CB’s are more on the sector-side and search for a practical risk-based approach but are not always fully covered by National authorities

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- Need for definition of “substantiated suspicion”; Commission failed to come to a common definition in terms of 0,01 mg/kg (rejected by Member states).
- Need for defining what actions has to be taken when a suspicion is substantiated.
- New orientation whether levels could be defined related to substantiated suspicion.
- RESCUE group will discuss the arguments that were behind the decision of Belgium in 2015 to chose for the LOQ approach.
- OPTA will bring in the RESCUE group that besides a general approach for defining “substantiated” we need differentiation on substances like PA based on scientific knowledge.