

COST 850

Biocontrol Symbiosis

Working Group 3 Biotechnology

Working Group 5 Socio-economics

Working Group Meeting

EPN Safety

Requirements for Registration

November 5-7, 2004

Hotel Birke, Kiel, Germany

EPN and Safety

- **OECD Workshop Saariselka, Finland; March 1992 (Ehlers and Peters, 1995)**
- **OECD-COST812 Workshop Malente, Germany; June 1995 (Ehlers and Hokkanen, 1996)**

Activities to introduce EPN registration

- OECD Pesticide Steering Committee (2003): Guidance for Information requirements for Regulation of Invertebrates as Biological Control Agents (IBCAs)

COST 850: Letter to Sexsmith in July, 2002

Ann Burnell: ... On behalf of the MC of COST 850 I would like to request the OECD committee to take note of our decisions and recommendations against registration requirements for biocontrol nematodes. We would be very pleased to participate in meetings of your committee in order to present our views and summarize the latest results on safety of biocontrol nematodes published since the Malente meeting.



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July 18, 2002

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Dear Dr. Burnell:

Thank you for your letter of July 4, 2002 regarding the registration of biocontrol nematodes.

Under the OECD Working Group on Pesticides, there are a number of activities ongoing in the area of biopesticides. One of those activities includes the work of the Invertebrate Biological Control Agents Working Group (IBCA WG). This Working Group is working together to develop a harmonized set of guidelines that may be used by countries that regulate or will regulate IBCAs. It must be made clear that the decision to regulate and how, is a country decision, not an OECD decision. The work of the IBCA WG was initiated to help those interested countries develop a more harmonized approach.

I will provide a copy of your letter to the Biopesticides Steering Group (BPSG) as well as to the IBCA Working Group and solicit any comments via this letter, both on the recommendation and on participation at the next meeting of OECD IBCA Working Group and OECD BPSG.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours truly,

W.A. Sexsmith
Chief Registrar
PEST MANAGEMENT REGULATORY AGENCY

Attach.

cc: BPSG
IBCA WG
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Activities to introduce EPN registration

- FAO (1996) Code of Conduct
- EPPO 2002: List of biological control agents widely used in the EPPO region
- FAO (Draft 2004) Guidelines for the Export, Shipment, Import and Release of Biological Control Agents and Beneficial Organisms
- Workshop Engelberg (2004): Environmental Impact of Arthropod Biological Control: methods and Risk Assessment
- Workshop Zürich (2004): Attempt to harmonise requirements

Aim of this workshop

- Introduction into the current situation with IBCAs other than nematodes
- Re-evaluate the risks of EPN
- Adapt requirements for risk assessment
- Produce document commenting on risks and requirements for registration/regulation