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MRL work shop – San Francisco

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BelOrta's mission

- BelOrta concentrates and markets, as a transparent and reliable partner, fresh fruit and vegetables of and for its cooperative producers.
- We want to let consumers enjoy our products healthily

BelOrta in figures : 2017

400

Affiliated
buyers

650 mio
items or kg
sold

439 M€
Turnover F&V

1200 active
producers

+ 170
product groups,
conventionel
and organic

370
employees

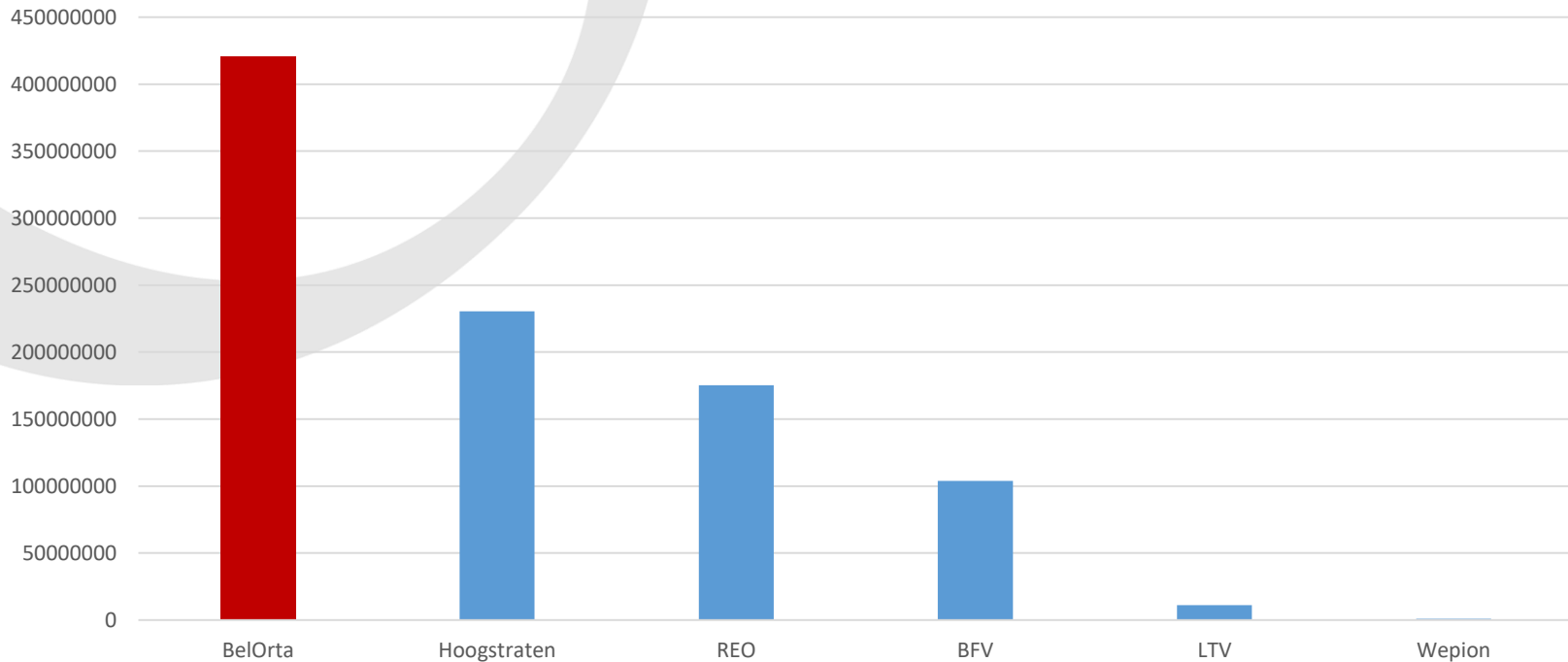
Export to
75
Countries

Auction room

Third generation – hybrid – projection
E-commerce : connection world wide



Belgian F & V coops (2017)



- 90 % of market in vegetables
- 60 % of market in fruits



Production share BelOrta / VBT Belgium



Our markets

Export

55% volume

In collaboration with dedicated exporters and traders
Export support in-house office of FASFC
COP – COD compliance of MRL's



Belgium

45% volume

F1 + F2	80%
Wholesale and private	20%





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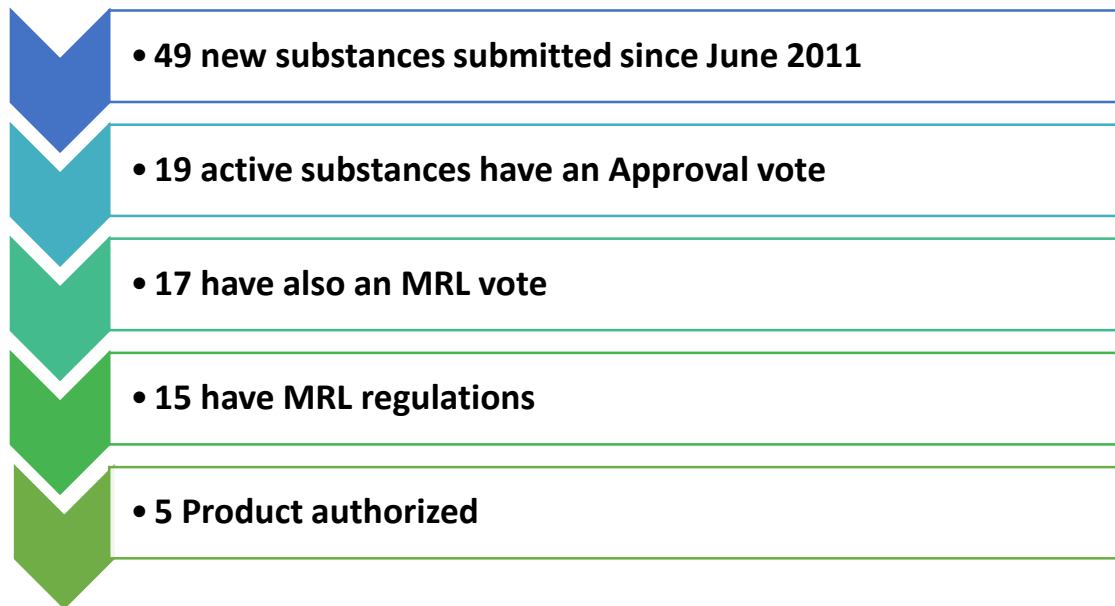
State of play AI's/PPP in the EU

European legislative framework (I)

Official regulatory framework

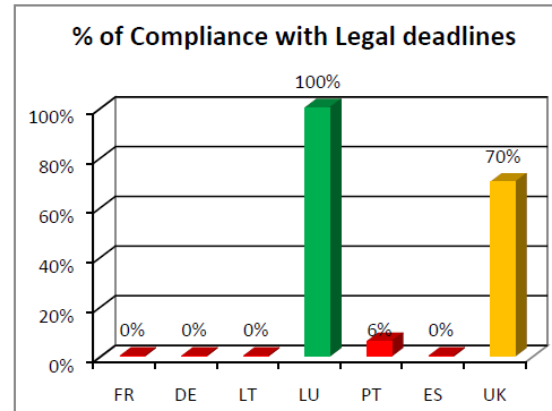
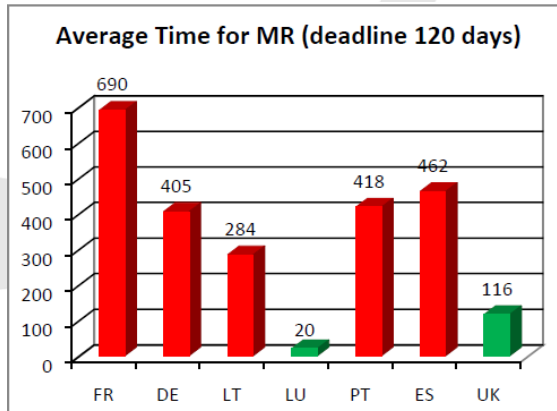
Regulation 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market → Too restrictive

- New active substances (February 2017, ECPA)



European legislative framework (II)

Zonal system and Mutual recognition



Outcome of re-evaluation by second MS during MR application:

- ✓ Authorisation with identical conditions 56%
- ✓ Authorisation with different risk mitigation 27%
- ✓ Authorisation not possible 6%

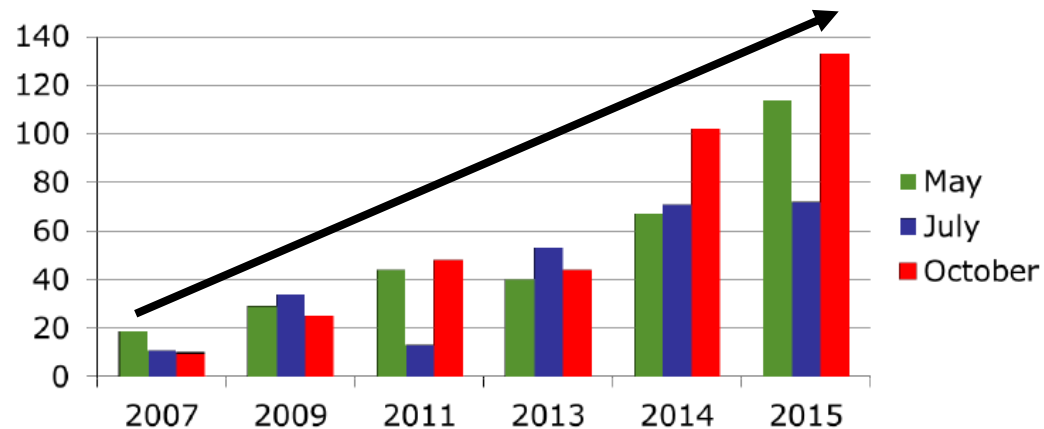
Conclusion: Re-evaluation does NOT add value

European legislative framework (III)

- Emergency authorizations



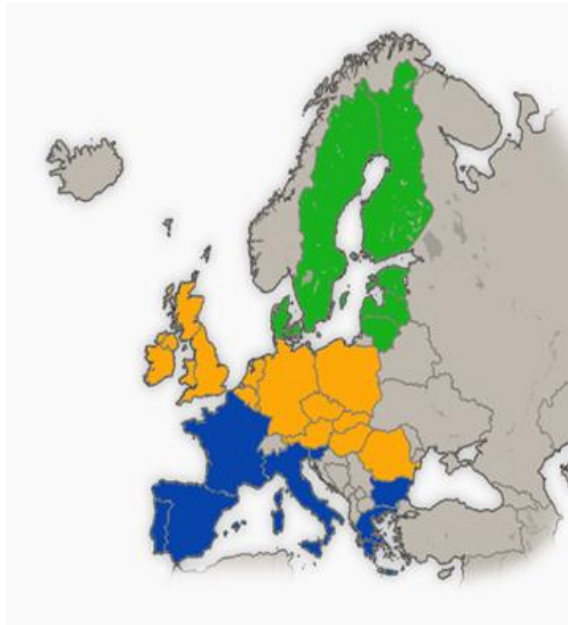
Numbers of emergency authorisations notified at PAFF meetings



European legislative framework (IV)

Effects on minor uses and specialty crops depend on:

- *how the zonal system works in practice*
- *how mutual recognition is applied*



European legislative framework (V)

EU legislation : added value

- Harmonization (guidelines and interpretation, i.e. CfS, MUSC, ...)
- Risk assessment (EFSA)
- Single zone for MRL → Single market and trade
- Minor Uses Coordination Facility



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State of play on MRL's

State of play on MRL's in the EU (I)

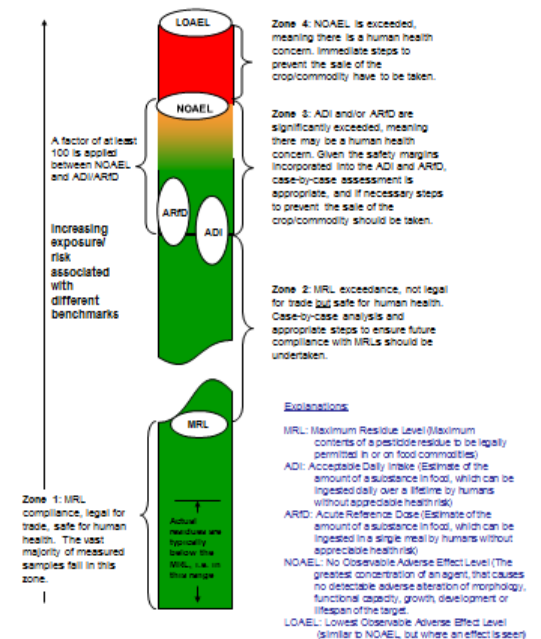
MRLs

- ALARA principle + GAP
- For different climatic conditions

EU added value

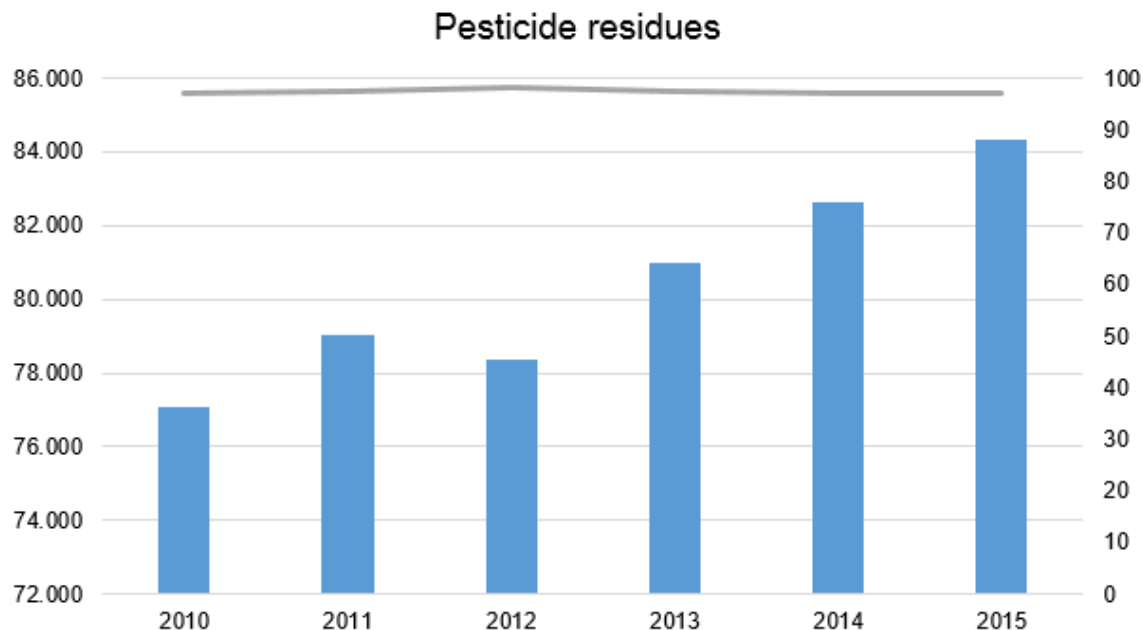
- Science based : risk assessment (EFSA)
- Single EU MRL → Single market and trade
- Harmonization (guidelines and interpretation)
- Minor Use Coordination Facility

Simplified Schematic Showing the Wide Safety Margins Used in the MRL Setting Process



State of play on MRL's in the EU (II)

EFSA reports on pesticide residues



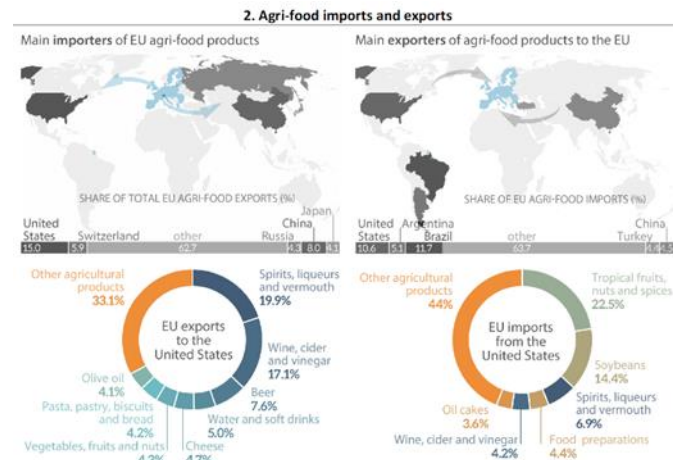
Level of compliance above 97%

Non compliances : EU: $\pm 1,5\%$ vs third countries: $\pm 6,5\%$ (on average)

State of play on MRL's in the EU (III)

Link to Plant Protection Products

- ✓ Minor Uses and Specialty Crops : = “ orphan “ crops
- ✓ High safety standards (both environment and health) : less availability of active substances for EU farmers
- ✓ Uneven playing field in relation to third countries : Set import tolerances at LOD for banned active substances
- ✓ No official response towards secondary standards



State of play on MRL's in the EU (III)

MRL for non-pesticide products

- ✓ “contamination” within the food chain :
biocides not longer considered as PPP :
e.g. chlorate from tap water on lettuce
- ✓ contaminants present in inputs :
perchlorate coming from imported fertilizer
- ✓ Heavy burden for farmers affected by these
cross- contaminations : resulting in
redraw from market
closure of farm

RAPPEL DE PRODUIT
[Version imprimable](#) | Dernière mise à jour le 12.06.2017

09/06/2017
Rappel de Delhaize
Rappel de la salade de blé courte (125g).
Problématique : Taux trop important de perchlorate.

Delhaize demande à ses clients de ramener à leur magasin la salade de blé courte (125g). Le rappel concerne 1 lot portant le numéro B321Y0000A et dont la date d'emballage est le 29/05/2017.

Suite à des analyses de qualité menée sur ce produit, un taux trop important de perchlorate a été détecté. Le produit est préemballé dans un ravier en plastique. La toxicité aigüe et orale du perchlorate est très faible. Seul une exposition chronique au perchlorate peut présenter un risque pour la santé.

Ce produit de ce lot spécifique a été rappelé en concertation avec l'AFSCA.

Les autres produits de la gamme ne sont pas impactés. Delhaize a entretemps retiré tous ces produits de ses rayons. Il est demandé aux clients qui ont acheté ces produits de ne pas les consommer et de les ramener dans un magasin Delhaize.



Info produit:
Nom : salade de blé courte (125 gr)
Marque : Delhaize
EAN code : 5400112301807
Numéro de lot: B321Y0000A
Date d'emballage : 29/05/2017

Conseils et informations destinés aux consommateurs :

Que faire si vous avez déjà acheté le produit ?
Ne pas consommer le produit et le ramener dans un magasin Delhaize où il sera remboursé.

Pour de plus amples informations, les clients peuvent s'adresser à notre service Clients au [numéro](#)



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Secondary / private standards in the EU



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Secondary/private standards in the EU (I)

Ingredients of secondary standards cocktail

- ✓ Black listing by retailers of approved PPP's
- ✓ MRL levels lower then legal MRL : e.g. 75 % ; 66 % , 33 %
- ✓ Sum of MRL's lower then threshold: e.g. 80%
- ✓ Limited number of AI's : maximum of 2, 3 , 5 AI's
- ✓ AFfD lower then agreed calculator

Secondary/private standards in the EU (II)

Some examples (without responsibility nor garanty of editor)

Retailer	Logo	Country	Max % MRL	Max Sum % MRL	Max.% ARfD	Max.sum % ARfD	Max. nr of AI's/ sample	Black list
ALDI		AU, BE, DE, FR, NL	70	80	80	80	3-5	Y
LIDL		BE, DE, FR, NL	33,3	80	100	Not specified	5	
REWE		DE	70 % (50% own brands)	100% own brands	70 %	Not specified	5	Y
METRO		DE	70%	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	5	
		ES	100%	100%	100%	100%	Not specified	
Albert Heyn		BE, NL	50% of EU MRL	Not specified	50% of NL ARfD	Not specified	Not specified	
Carrefour		BE, FR	100%	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	

Secondary/private standards in the EU (III)

Comments coming from MS and EU competent authorities

- ✓ Commercial contract between parties
- ✓ Protection of consumers not lower than legal limit

Comments coming from retail

- ✓ Improved protection of consumers (not a marketing tool yet)
- ✓ Avoid public exposure with food safety issues
(rationale : ISO 17025 for labs with $Z = 2$)
- ✓ Protection of environment : less pesticides
- ✓ Economic argument : less input for growers

Secondary/private standards in the EU(IV)

Comments coming from growers

- ✓ Demonstrating lack of confidence in the legal system
- ✓ Narrowing growers toolbox even more
- ✓ Problems in resistance management : lower dosages
- ✓ Supply lines very confusing : which consignment to who
- ✓ Leading to more food waste



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Conclusions



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Conclusions (I)

- ✓ EU consumers are widely protected to dietary exposure to PPP's
- ✓ EU regulatory is very conservative in placing AI/PPP on the market
- ✓ EU farmers and agri-cooperatives have a very high level of compliance including COP – COD
- ✓ EU farmers need a reliable and stable system for MRL setting
- ✓ Coherence among different pieces of legislation (fertilizers, PPP's,) not yet in place
- ✓ Establish even playing field : avoid trade disruptions (EU and non-EU)
- ✓ Build trust in the legal system : do not leave it to the market with secondary standards

Enjoy the fruits & vegs from European horticulture !

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redefining fruit & vegetables



Thank you very much for your kind attention!



Bedankt voor uw aandacht.

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