



Development of a New Operator Exposure Model for Seed Treatment and Seed Sowing

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Stakeholder workshop on the next update of the EFSA Guidance on Non-Dietary Exposure to Pesticides - 28th March, 2022

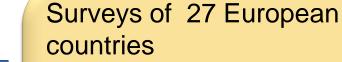
Project Goal - To develop a robust regulatory model for the assessment of nondietary exposure during seed treatment operations and sowing of treated seeds



Exposure Database and Statistical models

30 operator exposure studies ~600 records

Cereals, maize, OSR, Sugar beet Industrial static, mobile and onfarm treatment Also data for seed sowing: cereals, maize



Seed Treatment

~ 400 static sites, ~ 80 mobile operations, ~ 60 on-farm

Seed Sowing

1423 (sugar beet) - 14479 (winter wheat) farms surveyed according to crop surface in EU

Joint Industry Regulatory Working Group

- BfR, CTGB, ANSES
- CTGB regulatory project lead
- SeedTropex Task Force
- Additional technical experts
- EFSA as observer
- UK CRD now involved as independent authority

Completed work packages to be submitted to EFSA

- Database + Data quality review + 3rd party (TNO) audit
- Summaries of all exposure studies (AOEM format)
- Report for Statistical modelling + model algorithms
- Surveys of European seed treatment practice + European daily seed sowing amounts
- Project summary report to include JWG discussions

EFSA REVIEW

- Identified by EFSA as data gap
- Regulatory need for robust model
- High Sensitivity stakeholders / public
- Timescale?





Summary of Project status (I)

- Compilation of new database has been completed
 - Modern, GLP studies, data quality criteria equivalent to that used for AOEM
 - Seed treatment and Treated seed sowing data
 - Independent audit for accuracy completed by TNO
- EU survey on seed treatment practices and daily sowing amounts
 - Data collection phase has been completed
 - Write up of survey information nearing completion
 - Industry information also included to expand list of crops
- Statistical analysis and model development
 - Continues alongside interpretation of EU survey findings
 - Prototype models have been proposed and currently under review by JWG
 - Single task and full shift 'combined activity' models
- Target to complete model and submission to EFSA = June 2022









Summary of Project status (II)

Bystander / Resident exposure to dust drift from seed sowing

- Outside scope of existing SeedTropex project
- Recognised by EFSA as current data gap (medium priority)
- No existing regulatory model
- New data is being generated by industry to address this regulatory need



