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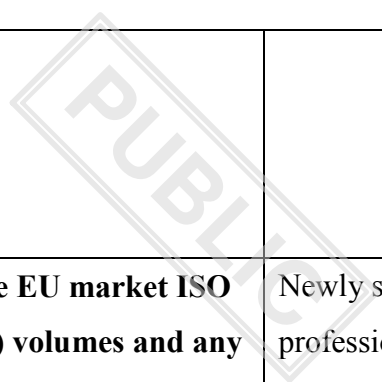
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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Delegations |
| Subject: | Proposal for a REGULATION ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 - Follow up to the Working Party on Plants and Plant Health Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) on 28 March 2023 – comments from Belgium |

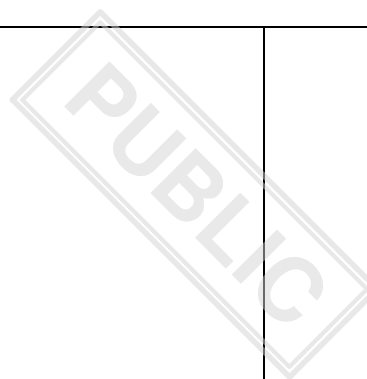
Delegations will find in the Annex comments from Belgium on articles 33, 37 - 45 (except 43) of the SUR proposal discussed at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Plants and Plant Health Questions (Pesticides/Plant Protection Products) on 28 March 2023.

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| Member State: | Belgium |
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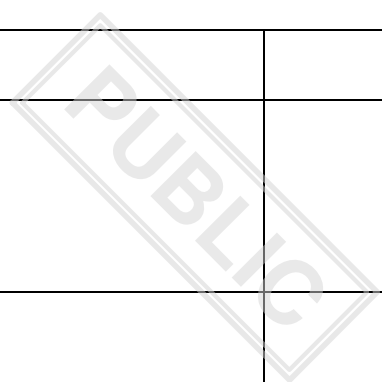
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| CHAPTER VIII APPLICATION EQUIPMENT | | |
| <i>Article 33</i> Electronic register of application equipment in professional use | <i>Article 33</i> Content of the electronic register of application equipment in professional use | The title should be different from the title of art. 29. |
| 1. Each competent authority designated by a Member State pursuant to Article 30 shall establish and maintain a central electronic register to record: (a) information entered by third parties pursuant to Article 20(2), point (b)(i), and Article 29; (b) records of inspections and certificates as set out in Article 31(6) and (7)(b); | | |



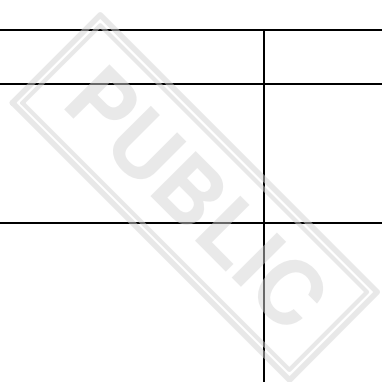
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| (c) other information as set out in paragraph 2 on application equipment in professional use in its Member State that has not been exempted from inspection under Article 32(3). | | |
| <p>2. The competent authorities referred to in Article 30 shall, at the time of inspection, record the following information:</p> <p>(a) the name of the body carrying out the inspections;</p> <p>(b) the unique ID of the application equipment, if available;</p> <p>(c) the date of manufacture, if available;</p> <p>(d) the name and address of the current owner;</p> <p>(e) where there has been a transfer of ownership, the date of each transfer and the name and address of previous owners within the last five years;</p> <p>(f) the tank size;</p> <p>(g) the width of the horizontal spray boom, if applicable;</p> | Art. 33.2. (m) the applicable EU market ISO requirements on dead (rest) volumes and any relevant environmental standards for newly sold application equipment in professional use. | Newly sold application equipment for professional use should hold the EU market ISO requirements on dead (rest) volumes. Relevant CEN approved technical parameters related to PPP application equipment should be duly documented and transferred to the buyer. It is required to be issued by the producer or his representative and entered by the purchaser in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33. A similar obligation to enter the EU market ISO requirement in the electronic register applies in case of a transfer of ownership of any other changes of ownership of application equipment in professional use that holds the EU market ISO requirement. |



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| <p>(h) the nozzle type(s) present on the application equipment at the time of inspection;</p> <p>(i) in the case of boom sprayers, whether section and/or nozzle control through geospatial localisation technology is present or absent on the application equipment;</p> <p>(j) for equipment older than three years, the date of each inspection carried out in accordance with Article 31;</p> <p>(k) whether the application equipment passed or failed each inspection carried out under Article 31;</p> <p>(l) the reasons for any failed inspection.</p> | | |
| <p>3. Where application equipment does not bear a unique ID as referred to in paragraph 2, point (b), the competent authorities referred to in Article 30 shall supply a unique ID.</p> | | |
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| <p>CHAPTER X</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL</p> | | |



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| PROVISIONS | | |
| <i>Article 37</i> Information on designated competent authorities | | |
| By ... <i>[OP: please insert the date = the first day of the month following six months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation]</i> , each Member State shall inform the Commission of the competent authorities designated in accordance with this Regulation. | | |
| <i>Article 38</i> Penalties | | |
| Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take the measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall without delay notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any | | |

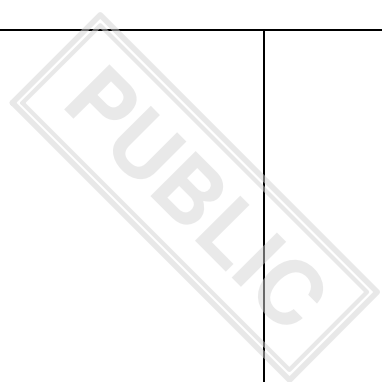


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| subsequent amendment affecting them. | | |
| <i>Article 39</i> Fees and charges | | |
| Member States may recover the costs related to carrying out their obligations under this Regulation by means of fees or charges. | | |
| CHAPTER XI DELEGATED POWERS AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE | | |
| <i>Article 40</i> Exercise of the delegation | | |
| 1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. | | |
| 2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 10(6), 13(9), 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period. | 2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 10(6), 13(9) , 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period. | The delegation given to the Commission for articles 10.6 and 13 seems disproportionate and exposes the Member States to costs they cannot bear. Question : The Commission is asked to clarify the limits within which it proposes to |

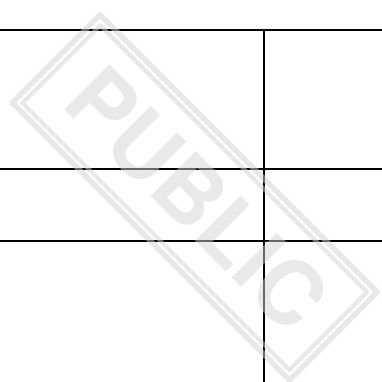
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| | | <p>exercise this delegation so that we can assess whether it can be granted.</p> <p>Pending such clarification, this delegation cannot be accepted.</p> |
| <p>3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 10(6), 13(9), 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.</p> | <p>3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 10(6), 13(9), 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.</p> | <p>Idem than comment for art. 40.2.</p> |
| <p>4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.</p> | | |

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| 5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. | | |
| 6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 10(6), 13(9), 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council. | 6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 10(6), 13(9) , 21(3), 25(10), 29(5), 31(10) and 35(4) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council. | Idem than comment for art. 40.2. |
| <i>Article 41</i> Committee procedure | | |
| 1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and | | |

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| Feed established by Article 58(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011. | | |
| 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. | | |
| 3. Where the committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and Article 5(4), third subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. | | |
| CHAPTER XII TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS | | |
| <i>Article 42</i> Commission evaluation | | |
| 1. By ... <i>[OP: please insert the date = four years after the date of application of this Regulation]</i> , the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of | | |



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| <p>this Regulation based on the following:</p> <p>(a) the trends in progress and other quantitative data provided in annual progress and implementation reports in accordance with Article 10(2);</p> <p>(b) the analysis of the annual trends and data published by the Commission every two years in accordance with Article 11;</p> <p>(c) the report on annual progress and implementation reports previously submitted by the Commission to the European Parliament and Council in accordance with Article 11(7) ;</p> <p>(d) any other information necessary for the preparation of the evaluation.</p> <p>Member States shall provide the Commission with the information necessary for the preparation of that evaluation.</p> | | |
| <p>2. The Commission shall present a report on the main findings to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions.</p> | | |



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| <i>Article 44</i> Repeal of Directive 2009/128/EC | | |
| 1. Directive 2009/128/EC is repealed. | | |
| 2. References to Directive 2009/128/EC shall be construed as references to this Regulation and read in accordance with the correlation table set out in Annex VII. | | |
| <i>Article 45</i> Entry into force | | |
| <p>This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p>It shall apply from ... [<i>OP: please insert the date = the first day of the month following ... months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation</i>].</p> <p>However, Article 21 shall apply from [<i>OP: please insert the date = 3 years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation</i>].</p> | | <p>Belgium notes that the implementation period and the 2030 deadline for achieving the F2F objectives are essential data for assessing the feasibility of the SUR proposal. It will therefore be necessary to revisit these deadlines in due course.</p> <p>Art. 45.2nd paragraph: the implementation of such a restriction on the use of PPPs cannot be conceived without adequate protection of the European market against the import of</p> |

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| | | agricultural products. The Green Deal refers to such protection. Question : What provisions does the EU envisage and guarantee in this respect? |
| Annex VII : ... <div>Article 24</div> ... | ... <div>Article 7</div> ... <div>Article 24</div> | The correlation between article 7 of the SUD and the articles 27 & 28 of the SUR is lacking. Article 24 of the SUD correspond to art. 45 of the SUR in place of art. 44 as written. |
| Article 3 Definitions | | |
| <i>Relevant definitions</i> <i>Please comment on definitions linked to Article 20-28</i> - <i>Please insert rows below for the relevant definitions you want to comment on, and indicate clearly in this column which definition you are commenting on</i> | | |