



Minor uses : the French organisation in the European context

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New regulation in Europe

- 1107/2009
- Into in force : 14 june 2011
- Zonal approach (France is in the southern zone)
- Specific aspects for minor uses :
 - Data protection
 - Fund for minor uses



The French framework

- In the context of regulatory evolution:
 - Inclusion of 348 active substances, 261 being existing active substances (out of 1082 substances), and 87 new active substances.
 - Data requirements adapted to guarantee human health and environmental safety.
 - Industry had to make a selection of the uses they intend to support, based, among other factors, on the costs of the studies they have to conduct.



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The French framework

- Meanwhile, phytosanitary risks do not decrease, but rather gain in diversity (due to the influence of global exchanges, climate change)
- In order to guarantee a food production being sufficient, diverse and safe, it is necessary to maintain a crop protection that is as efficient as possible



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As a consequence:

We have to face a number of technical impasses and orphan uses. A dedicated plan is needed, aimed at:

- providing solutions that favour of preventive approaches, including an appropriate choice of plant varieties and integrated farm management solutions
- identify priority actions at the collective level, and value the synergistic effects of the actions undertaken



The action plan for « orphan uses »

Current solution : Creation of the Commission for orphan uses (Commission des Usages Orphelins (CUO) in June 2008.

Tasks :

Identify priority actions aimed at providing agronomic industries with innovative solutions for crop protection in the case of orphan uses

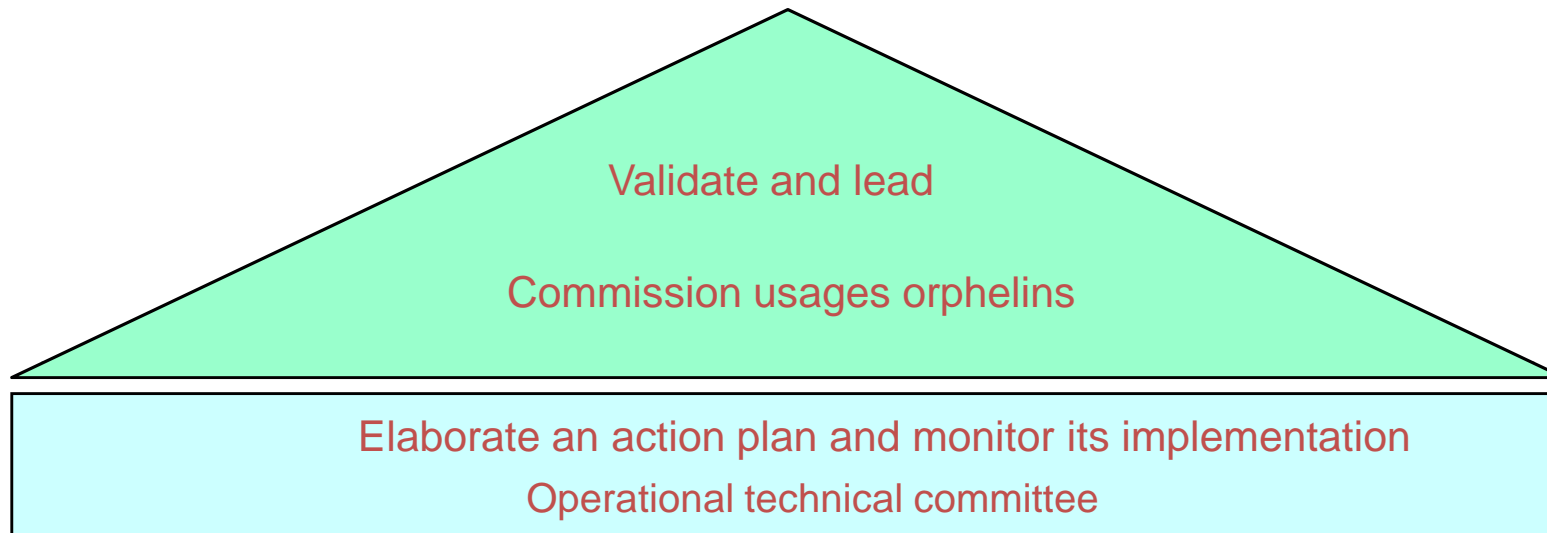
Coordinate the work of phytopharmaceutical industry, risk assessors, risk managers and crop industry

Anticipate the consequences of the evolution the regulations at the European level.



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The Commission on « orphan uses »



Identify problems and difficulties in the agronomic industry and propose solutions



The action plan on « orphan uses »

The action plan relies on:

- Cooperation and mutual aid between agronomic industries
- Proactive research and sustainable solutions
- Coordinated actions of:
 - Farmers
 - Plant Protection Industries
 - Evaluation Agency
 - Ministry of Agriculture

Tasks

Harmonize the crop protection measures with health and environmental safety

Organize the share of methods for pest control, of alternative methods, of data collection and mutualization

Organize the availability of measures in a securized framework

Provide support to risk human and environmental assessment through the access to data (new data generated and existing data collected)



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Action plans

- Action plans contain :
 - Regulatory and administrative measures to be passed,
 - Actions to conduct and to propose at the European level,
 - An annual programme on experimentations,
 - A list of the priority dossiers to be evaluated

Projects and Perspectives



- Initiate and develop collective work on common issues within the South Zone
- Develop work sharing with Northern countries
- Carry on with the work of WG dealing with « minor uses »
- Explore the ways to strengthen the coordination of actions about « minor uses » within and between European Zones

Projects and Perspectives



- Development of methodologies aiming at:
 - Identifying needs
 - Defining proposals for solutions
 - Work sharing
 - Dialogue on applications for authorization
- Exchanges with the industry, from the very first steps, in order to indentify possible new substances and innovative crop protection solutions
- Carry on with efforts to structurate agronomical industry at the European level



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Projects and Perspectives

- In the context of the implementation of the new regulation 1107/2009: any work identified as relevant and harmonized with the « Zonal Directorate Committee » to come



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Projets and Perspectives

- Get a unifying tool : management platform for projects on minor uses available to all partners of the South Zone and possibly of the EU (sustainable European fundings needed)



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CONCLUSIONS

- There are converging interests within the South Zone
- An experienced work method may be proposed, improved and widely shared
- A positive collaboration may be implemented between countries with the aim to mutualize efforts and actions, and to value results and outcome collectively