Session 4: Member States shall establish certificate systems for mutual recognition of the certificates

Introducton paper

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Each Member State shall establish certificate systems designed to allow the verification of inspections and recognize the certificates granted in other Member States (acc. Article 8 (6)). The SPISE Working Group (SWG) proposed a certificate system for mutual recognition of inspected Pesticide Application Equipment (PAE) between the Member States. The DG-Sanco welcomed this proposal as a first step so that mutual recognition of inspections between Member States can begin.

The proposed certificate system consists of

- valid test report,
- valid inspection sticker.

The inspection service issues a certificate (test report) stating that the inspection has been carried out correctly.

The test report according EN 13790 (respectively EN 16122) must include at least the following data:

- the name and the address of the recognized workshop what performed the inspection
- the name and the address of the equipment owner,
- the PAE model and the date, the results and conclusion of the inspection.
- Reference to the unique number on the inspection sticker.

The inspection sticker (Diameter: min. 75 mm; Material: self-adhesive foil) must include at least the following data:

- the name and the address of the inspection workshop including MS
- the year and month when the inspection sticker turns invalid in this MS
- the color according ISO 10625 (2012: orange (RAL2004)
- the minimum size of the inspection workshop address field: 60 mm wide, 25 mm length, 25 mm high,
- the writing is any time black.
- Unique number

The inspection workshop fills the inspection sticker in with its address and with the calendar year and month when the next inspection is due and sticks it to the PAE after the inspection has shown that the PAE functions without fault.

The inspections sticker may also be handed out if the PAE has minor defects which the owner undertakes action to remove these minor defects immediately.

The inspection sticker must be clearly visible and stick on the PAE firmly; it must be of such quality that it is destroyed when it is removed.

The inspection sticker turns invalid with the end of the calendar year and month imprinted on it.

PAE which has already been inspected in other Member States is not subject to an obligatory inspection according article 8 § 6 (2) and (3) if the time period since the last inspection carried out in another Member States is equal to or shorter than the time period of the inspection interval applicable in its own territory.

This approach is explicitly welcomed by DG-SANCO since it does not result in more bureaucracy than is actually necessary and makes the procedure easier for farmers.

The definition of what 'minor defects' are should be the same in all MS. If necessary, this should be defined when the corresponding EN/ISO norm is processed.

A further expansion stage aims for the systems to run with a database to prevent counterfeit stickers and reports, and stickers which are issued by way of favour.

One idea is to have online access to the inspection database when monitoring PAE in order to be able to check the legitimacy of the sticker issued. The inspection sticker must therefore include data for identifying the workshop which carried out the inspection. The workshop must also confirm the identity of the equipment to be inspected and the equipment's inspection sticker.

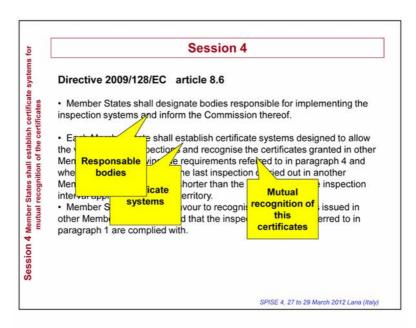
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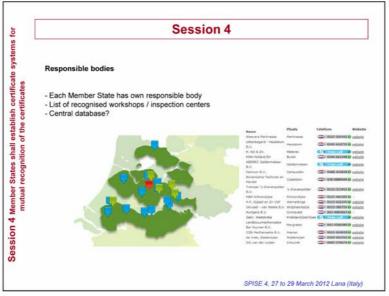
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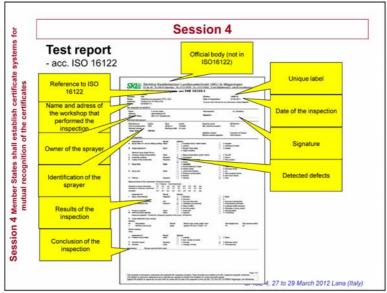
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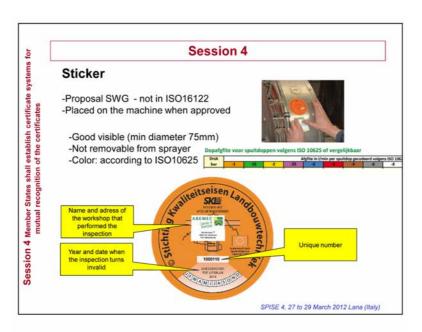
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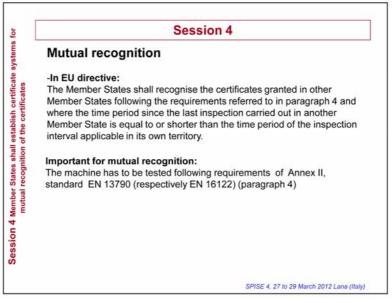












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Quality management system MS

Objective:

Quality and uniformity of performed inspections

Content:

- Content of the inspection (ISO16122)
- Requirement approved workshops/testteams
 - ·Testequipment (basic and calibration)
 - Trained testoperators
- Quality assurance
 - ·Administrative (are all inspections done by approved workshops and certified testoperators)
 - •On-site (audits workshops and checks on already inspected sprayers)

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Conclusion of session 4

SPISE recommendations for mutual recognition were discussed, some improvements were recognised

- Need for EU database of official bodies and workshops?
- · Identification of PAE (test report & sticker!!!)
- Uniform lay-out sticker, content, color-code, etc.
- · Harmonized test-report
- Harmonized requirements workshops / inspection teams
- •Need for quality assurance system SWG label?
- Need for 'recognized' test-equipment
- · Mutual recognition is required on the basis of FWD, some regulatory questions could be relevant, each MS have to provide inspections for all PAE
- ·How to deal with minor defects or rejected PAE in relation with mutual recognition
- Using of inspected PAE in other MS
- SPISE recommendation send to MS for improvements

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