Session 6: Defining criteria for rejecting pesticide application equipment, authorization and monitoring of workshop

Introduction paper

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Introduction to the session

In the Frame Work Directive (FWD) it is mentioned that "The inspection shall verify that pesticide application equipment (PAE) satisfies the relevant requirements listed in Annex II in order to achieve a high level of protection for human health and the environment" and that "Pesticide application equipment complying with harmonised standards developed shall be presumed to comply with the essential health and safety and environmental requirements" but nothing is clearly mentioned concerning the **criteria to be adopted to reject the PAE**. Should the PAE completely fulfil all the requirements listed in Annex II and /or in EN 13790 and future amendments to be able to pass the inspection? Could a PAE with minor defects be not rejected? For all these questions, at present, there are not harmonized answers and the situation is variable from Country to Country as it results from a specific questionnaire spread around Europe just before SPISE 3 Workshop (see Annex 1). For example, minor defects are not managed in the same way in the different Countries, therefore it actually happens that in about 57 % of EU countries the presence of minor defects can result in the rejection of the PAE, while in the other 43 % of countries it is necessary to detect a major defect on the sprayer to reject it after the inspection (Figure 1).

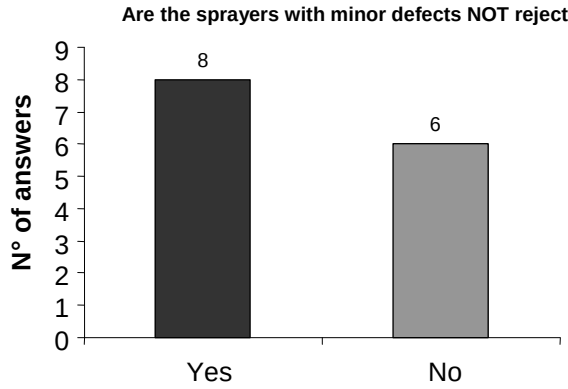


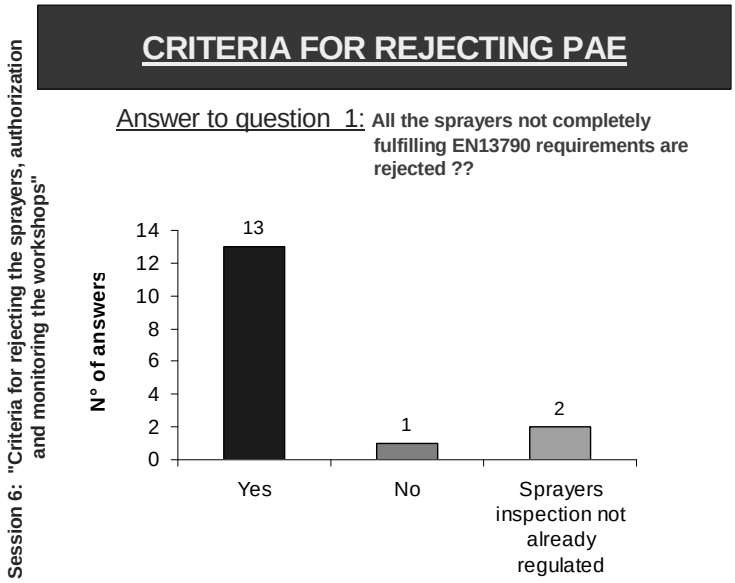
Fig. 1 Example of result of the survey carried out in EU countries concerning the criteria adopted to reject the inspected PAE.

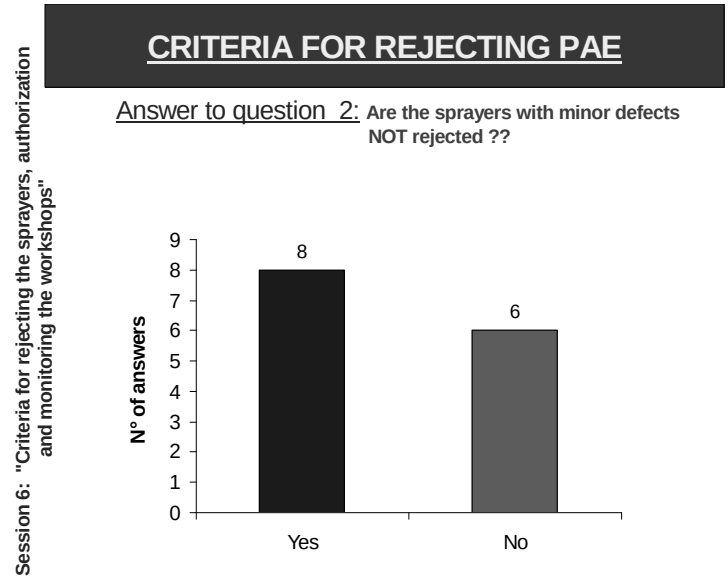
For what concerns the criteria for authorizing the inspection workshop in article 8 - paragraph 6 of the FWD it is mentioned that "Member States shall designate bodies responsible for implementing the inspections systems and inform the Commission therefore" but the criteria to be adopted for authorizing the bodies responsible for making the inspections are not defined. Should they have an internal certification like ISO 17020? Is this ISO certification too much restrictive and does it not allow to have the inspection implementation as required by the FMD? The Framework Directive also did not mention anything concerning the **monitoring of workshop activities**.

Member States previous experiences have very well underlined the importance of this activity that is also essential for having mutual recognitions possible. Which criteria should be considered for the monitoring? Which should be the background of the supervising Authority: ISO 17020, ISO9001? Others?

All these aspects have been mentioned during the introduction of session 6.

Annex 1





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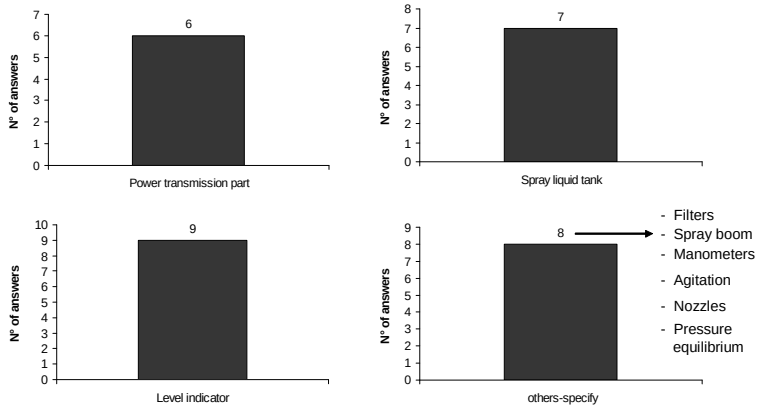
CRITERIA FOR REJECTING PAE

Answer to question 3: **Which inspection parameters are considered as minor defects ??**



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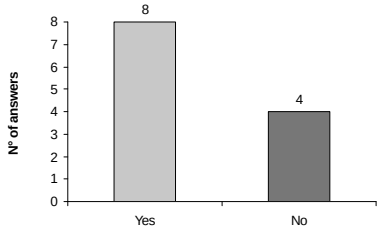
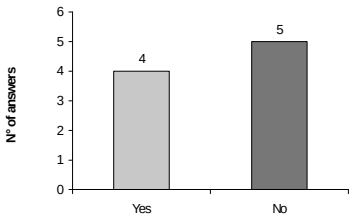
Answer to question 4: - **What is mandatory for the owner of a sprayer with minor defects ??**

a - Replace the defect within mostly 15 days



b - Replace the defect within mostly 30 days and resubmit the sprayer to the inspection



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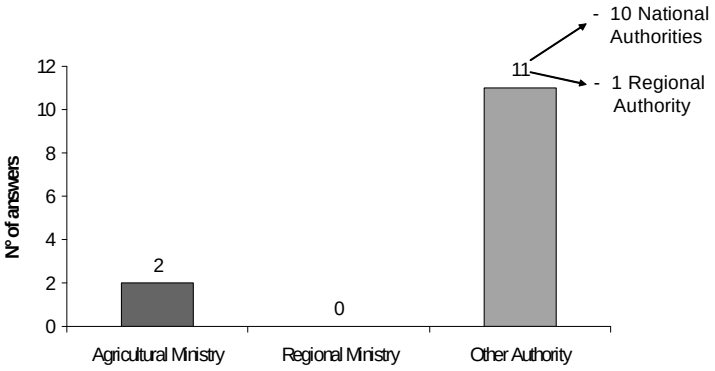
CRITERIA FOR AUTHORISING THE WORKSHOP

Answer to question 5: **Which Authority gave the Workshop Authorization ??**



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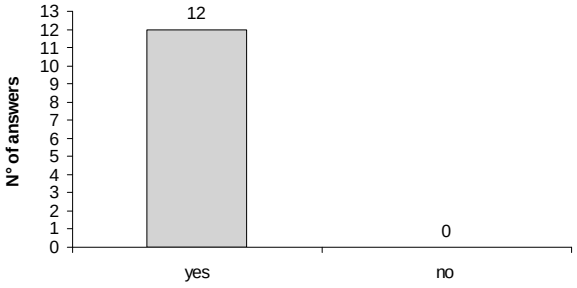

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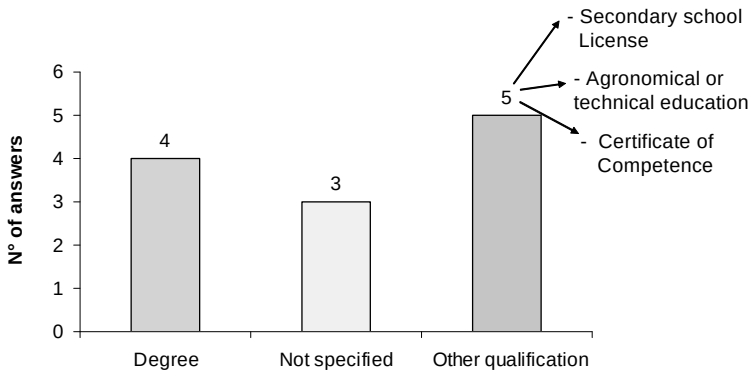

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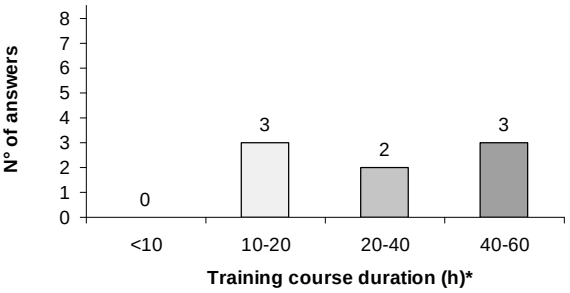

* Assuming 1 days = 8 h

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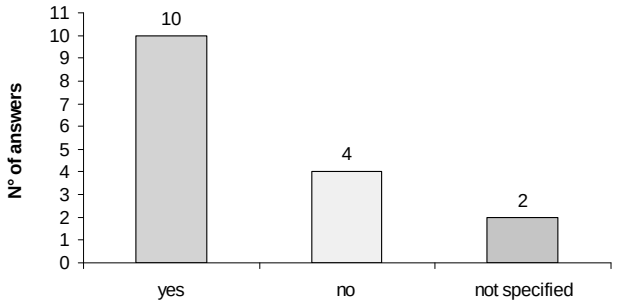

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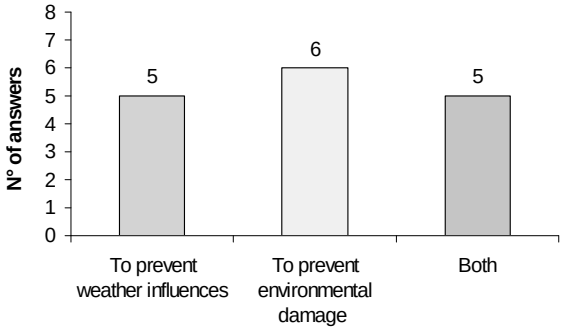

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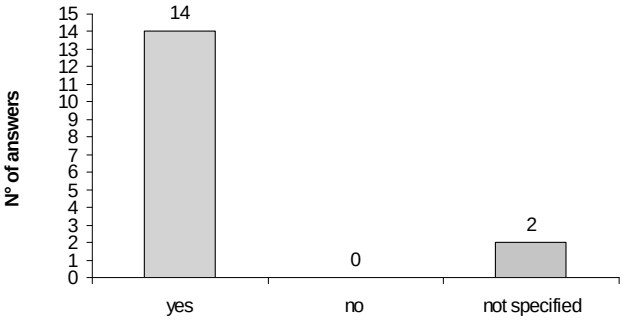

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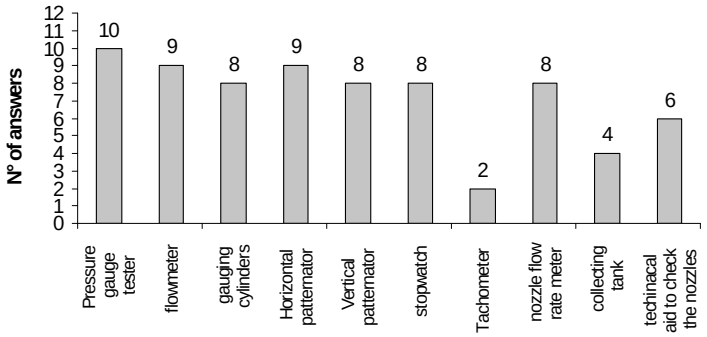

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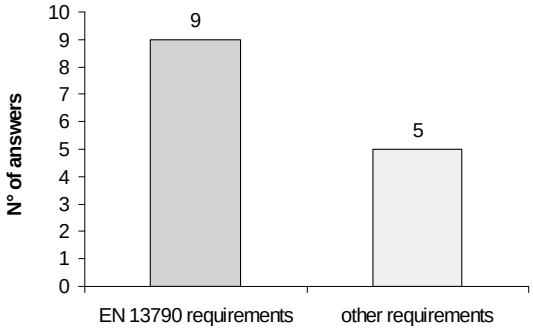
h – Which requirements has the patternator to fulfill??



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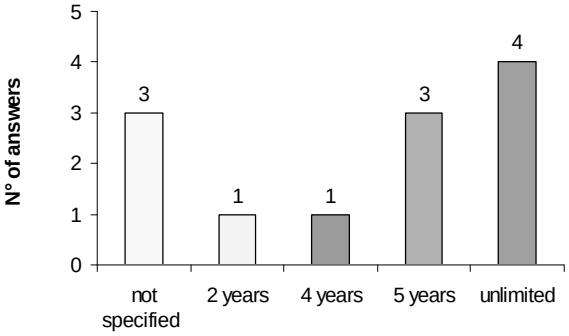
Answer to question 7: **How long the Workshop authorization is in force ??**



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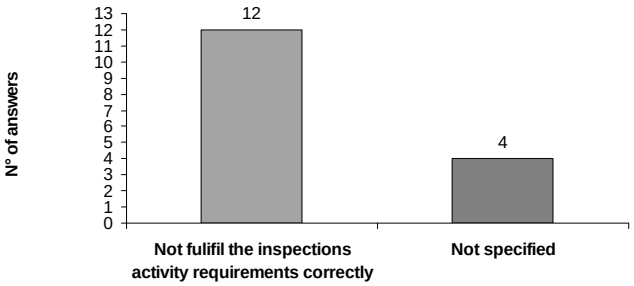
Answer to question 8: **Which criteria are adopted to cancel the workshop authorization** ??



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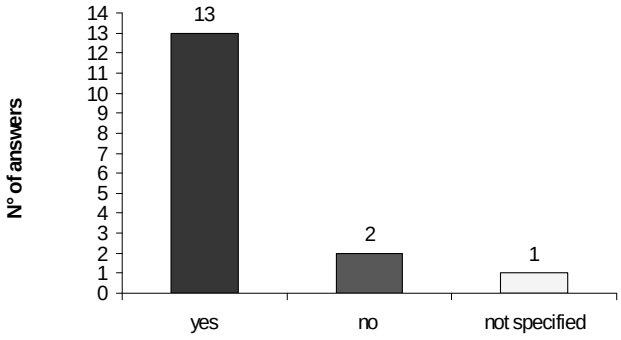
Answer to question 9: **Is it at present in force the workshop monitoring in your Country ??**



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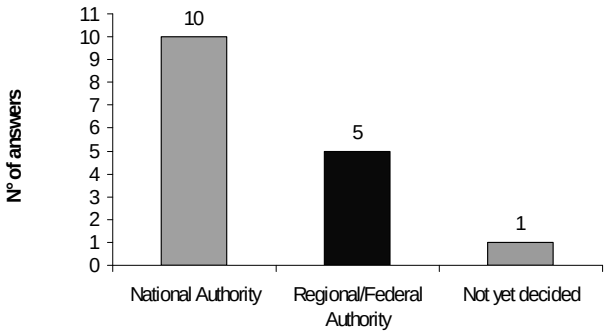
Answer to question 10: **Who (will) make the workshop monitoring ??**



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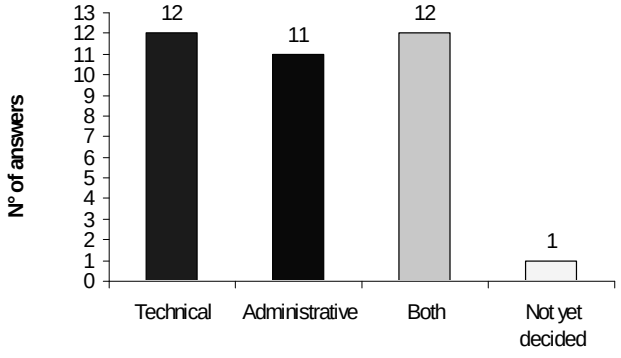
Answer to question 11: **Main aspects analyzed for the workshop monitoring**



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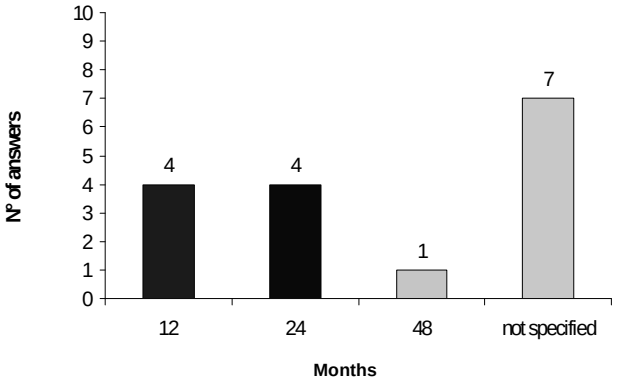
Answer to question 12: **With which frequency is made the workshop monitoring ??**



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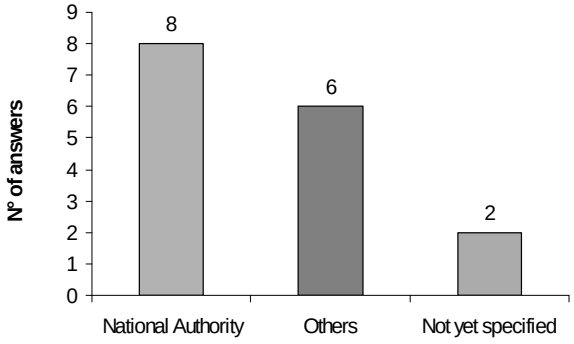

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