



Virtual Workshop: Seed Treatment evaluation under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

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Seed treatment Workshop 2019

- Updated version of the guidance document
- National authorities, the EC and science to a two-day workshop
- Primary purpose: facilitate exchanges between experts on the issues that are relevant to the seed industry
 - improving the functioning of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 for seed treatment
 - risk mitigation measures
 - the environmental risk assessment



Seed treatment Workshop 2019

- 38 participants from
 - National authorities
 - European Commission
 - Academia
 - Agrochemical and seed treatment industries



Key points of the workshop

- Numerous active ingredients are being lost from the market
 - difficulties for farmers to source high quality seed
 - seed companies to export seeds which have treatment requirements outside of the EU
- Risk assessment and/ or legislation
 - not consistent across all EU Member States
 - not consistent RA accross all guidance documents
 - very inconsistent decision-making process



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- Mutual recognition is not used or applied in a consistent manner for seed treatments
- Seed treatments are an integral part of IPM programs
- ESTA has improved treated seed quality





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