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Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Implementation of directive 2009/128/EC in Greece



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Sustainable Use Directive (SUD)

The directive 2009/128/EC published in 2009, provides a framework to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and promoting the use of integrated pest management and of alternative approaches or techniques such as non-chemical alternatives to pesticides.

According to article 23 (1) of the directive 2009/128/EC, Member States are obliged to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 14 December 2011.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the directive 2009/128/EC, according to article 4 (1) of the directive, Member States are obliged to adopt National Action Plans to set up their quantitative objectives, targets, measures and timetables to reduce risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and to encourage the development and introduction of integrated pest management and of alternative approaches or techniques in order to reduce dependency on the use of pesticides. These targets may cover different areas of concern, for example worker protection, protection of the environment, residues, use of specific techniques or use in specific crops.

Law 4036/2012 (A'8)

Greece transposed the directive 2009/128/EC with the law 4036/2012 (A'8) issued on 27-1-2012.

The scope of the law was the transposition of the directive to national legislation and in addition to establish national compliance measures to the requirements of the directive 2009/128/EC.

For this reason the provisions of the directive 2009/128/EC were transposed by the articles 15 to 31, which were separated in a chapter characterized as "*Measures for the immediate implementation of the directive 2009/128/EC*" followed by the article 32 to 46, which were separated in another chapter characterized as "*National compliance measures to the requirements of the directive 2009/128/EC*".

The National Action Plan was fully described in the law and certain provisions of the law 4036/2012 provided measures evaluated as critical for the implementation of sustainable use of pesticides in Greece such as an electronic application for the collection of statistical data on pesticide sales by the retailers.

National Action Plan

The National Action Plan was issued by the Common Ministerial Decision num 8197/90920/22-7-2013 signed by the Minister of Rural Development and Food, the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change and the Minister of Health.

In the present site of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, the part of the law 4036/2012 referring to directive 2009/128/EC and the Hellenic National Action Plan on Sustainable Use of Pesticides are available in English.