



Best Practices on Capacity Building on Data Reporting

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Pesticide Residues Training Session

Virtual training sessions: 16th-17th November 2022

Participants: Data providers in the pesticide residues domain, Malta Competition & Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA), Technical Regulations Division (TRD), Market Surveillance Directorate (MSD) (2 participants)

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Objectives of the training session: To provide information to reporting officers regarding the procedures used in reporting and validation of data on pesticide residues. To ensure the timely submission of good quality data. To assist data providers with troubleshooting technical issues which may arise when using the data submission tools.

EFSA FP Tasks 4.5 & 5.9



EFSA Focal Point (FP) maintains regular contact with data providers. Reporting officers are encouraged to contact the FP regarding any training requirements, especially in the case of officers who have been newly appointed as data providers. FP identifies the areas of concern where additional training related to data collection and data submission is required.



FP compiles a list of additional training needs related to data collection and data submission.



FP collaborates with EFSA experts to co-ordinate the organisation of training sessions in the different domains as required. Some of the training material disseminated had been originally prepared for the EU-FORA .

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After the training sessions and after data submission to EFSA, feedback from national data providers is collected. The impact of the organised workshops on the timely submission of good quality data is assessed.

Certain issues which arise during data submission must often be tackled on a case-by-case basis, notwithstanding the knowledge acquired by the data providers during the organised training sessions. Therefore, the availability of EFSA experts to target troubleshooting issues encountered during data submission is greatly welcomed.

Food Safety Commission



- FP is a member of the Food Safety Commission (FSC), a national committee where information concerning food safety is discussed.
- The duty of the FSC is to monitor, co-ordinate and keep under review all practices, operations and activities relating to food.
- Data providers working in the pesticide residues domain work in the same organisation as the FP. This facilitates communication and collaboration between the FP and the data providers. In other domains where the data provider works outside the FP organisation, communication is performed during the monthly FSC meetings, since these reporting officers work in organisations represented on the FSC.
- Informal and formal meetings are held with data providers throughout the year, as required.

Food Safety Commission



Food Safety Commission (FSC) consists of the following members:

- chairperson;
- officer responsible for public health;
- officer responsible for veterinary services;
- officer responsible for foodstuffs within the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (Technical Regulations);
- officer responsible for consumer affairs within the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (Consumer Affairs);
- officer responsible for health promotion;
- officer responsible for environment protection;
- officer responsible for plant health;
- any other three members from among persons not having any direct or indirect interest in any food business.

FP contribution to the new framework



Regular contact between the FP and the data providers will be maintained during the monthly FSC meetings as well as during informal and formal meetings held throughout the year.



FP will continue with the compilation of the list of training needs, in the areas of concern where additional training is required.



FP envisages further collaboration with EFSA experts in co-ordinating the organisation of training sessions in the different domains.



Thank you for
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