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# **Prioritization of compounds for a risk based NPR**

**review of Directive  
96/23/EC**



# Goals of (residue) monitoring

## compliance

control of compliance to support oversight

## prevalence

prevalence is required for exposure assessment, trends and for prioritization of substances

## emerging risks

investigation of emerging risks to get prepared for future risk-based monitoring



# Monitoring

goal of monitoring	substances	sampling
<b>compliance</b>	targeted	targeted
<b>prevalence</b>	targeted	at random
<b>emerging risks</b>	non-targeted	at random/targeted

targeted → risk-based

Risk-based

→ *what* has to be sampled (substance-product, which matrix).

not: *where* has to be *sampled* (which part of food production chain, which company)



# Risk based monitoring – prioritization of substances

## Prioritization of substances

risk-based: chemical food safety  
(no political, economical or social triggers)

## **Three decision trees, for**

1. Prohibited substances
2. Veterinary medicinal products
3. Contaminants, pesticide residues, natural substances (i.e. mycotoxins)



# Effective monitoring - risk criteria

## criteria used in decision trees

	prohibited substances	veterinary medicinal products	contaminants
Presence of action limit, MRL/ML, limit of detection		X	X
Conform/non-conform results in the last five year	X	X	X
(Probability on) use in species	X	X	
Scientific information for human risk	X		X
Length of withdrawal period		X	
Conform/non-conform residues detected in feed			X
Transfer of substances to animal products (milk, egg, honey)			X

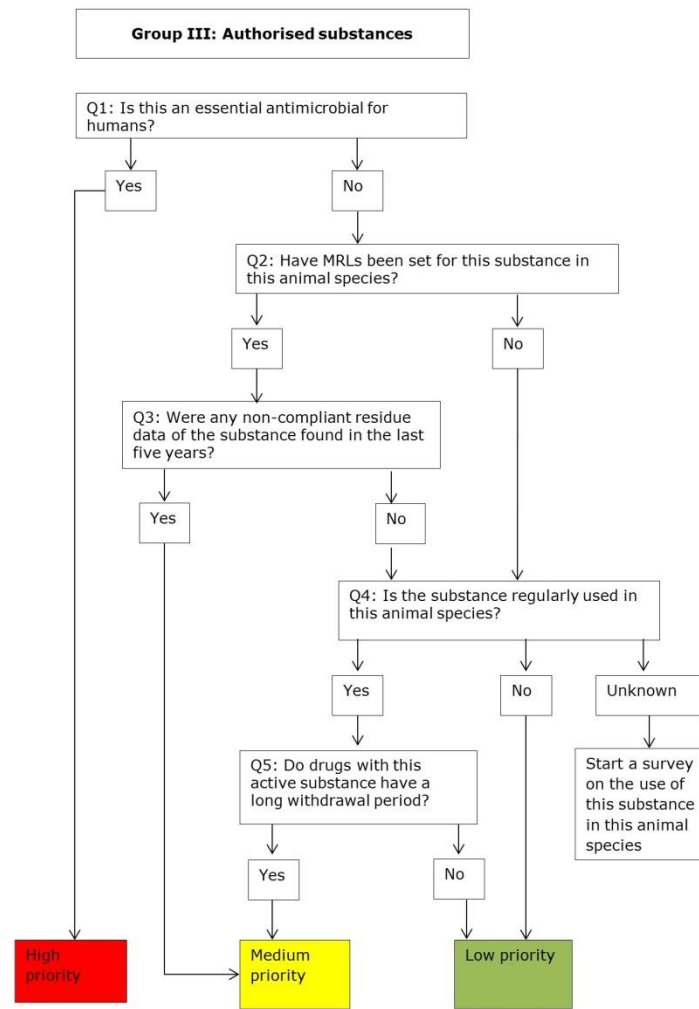
→ Execution of prioritization process by experts  
(toxicology, monitoring)



# Example of decision tree

Result:  
three classes of substances :  
high, medium and low priority

Use of decision tree  
per species and animal product  
(meat, milk, egg, honey)





## Supporting publications

- Risk-based monitoring of chemical substances in food: prioritization by decision trees (scientific paper)  
E.D. van Asselt, M.Y. Noordam, M.G. Pikkemaat, F.O. Dorgelo. , *Food Control* (2018),  
doi: 10.1016/j.foodcont.2018.06.001
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