

“Use of EPPO Codes by the plant protection products industry”

EPPO Codes Users Meeting

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Introduction

“Use of EPPO Codes by the plant protection products industry”

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Implementation Status of the EPPO Code in the Agricultural Industry



With continuous implementation activities across years the EPPO Code (taxonomic as well as non-taxonomic codes) is in use for crops and targets (Weeds, Diseases, Pests) in the

- **Chemical Industry**
- **Industry Contractors and Service providers**
- **Regulatory Officials:** within the EU and for those countries outside the EU that have adopted the EPPO-Code system.

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Some examples of working areas in the crop protection industry (BASF, Bayer, Dow Chemicals, DuPont, Syngentawhere the code is implemented as a worldwide standard and used!

- Research – Greenhouse trials
- Development – Field Trials for plant compatibility and efficacy trials
- Residue trials in the field
- Registration Documentation system
- For all databases and tools from early Research to Registration
- Inhouse Databases and External Software (e.g. ARM, FieldPro, PIAF)

The way ahead for Plant Protection R&D and Registration

- The EPPO (formerly Bayer-Code) has been invented to ensure clear and unambiguous communication between scientists in both industry and government institutions as well as registration officials.
- To serve this purpose the given EPPO-code was intentionally conserved and not updated to reflect the latest taxonomic changes.
- This did ensure operational security for all parties involved in the registration of pesticides.
- Any planned changes to the EPPO Code that will reflect recent taxonomic changes on the species and genus level and thus the inactivation of existing EPPO codes will compromise its purpose.
- However, we **strongly suggest to keep the current EPPO Code as is.**
- In general the original rules for creating EPPO code should be kept in place.
- We appreciate the development of an advanced coding system for the use beyond Crop Protection.

Thank you for your attention