

Allocation of Risk Mitigation Measures: France Agency's Perspective

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REGULATORY BASIS REGULATION (EU) Nº 546/2011

B - EVALUATION - Specific principles

- 2.4.1.3. Member States shall examine the nature and characteristics of the protective clothing and equipment proposed with particular reference to the following aspects:
 - obtainability and suitability,
 - ease of wearing taking into account physical stress and climatic conditions.



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B – **DECISION MAKING** - **Specific principles**

2.4.1.2. Where the proposed conditions of use require use of items of protective clothing and equipment, no authorisation shall be granted unless those items are effective and in accordance with the relevant EU provisions and are readily obtainable by the user and unless it is feasible to use them under the circumstances of use of the plant protection product, taking into account climatic conditions in particular.

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Risk managers asked the agency :

to provide in opinions from the agency on PPP : clear recommendations on PPE to be used (when necessary)

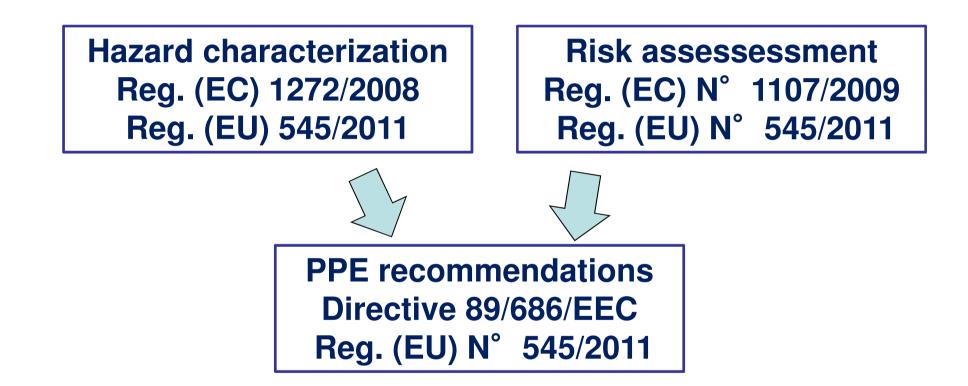
> to check the recommendations provided by notifiers

Consequently the agency asked to notifiers :

> to provide clear and precise recommendations for PPE

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Basis for PPE recommendations



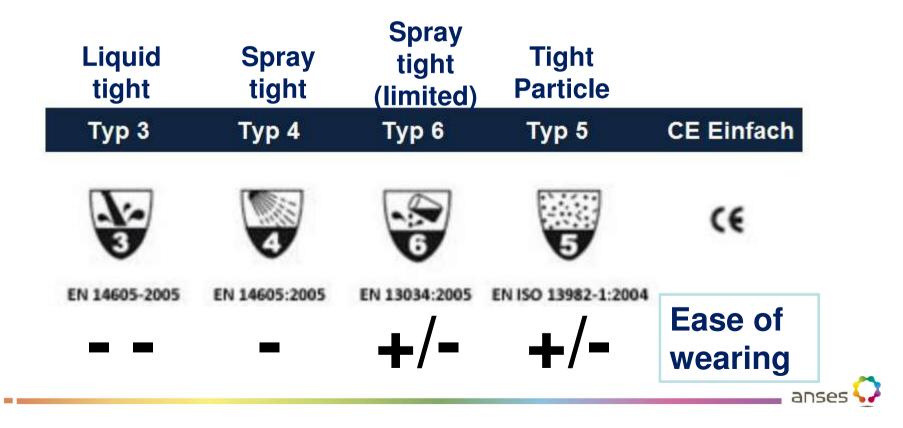
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PPE (according to Directive 89/686/EEC)



Chemical protective clothing

PPE category III: to protect against risks which may seriously or irreversibly harm health



Body protection :

PPE and working coveralls

- Mostly worn by French farmers (French survey) :
 - Working coveralls : not PPE
 - Coveralls : Cat. III Type 5/6
 - Effectiveness identified (operator studies)
 - Can be recommended when exposure is low
- ISO 27065 (ISO 22608)
 - Could be used to certify working coveralls
- However, certified PPE needed when exposure is higher

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Recommandations of PPE : procedure

- Recommendations provided by the notifier based on :
 - Risk assessment
 - Hazard assessment
 - To prevent exposure of farmers
 - Recommendations to farmers :
 - clear, simple, easy to follow

Recommendations checked by the agency

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Exemple of PPE recommandations

- Use : Low crop tractor mounted
 - Mixing/Loading & Cleaning :
 - certified gown (partial body) cat.III type 3
 - certified gloves (EN 374-3)
 - working coverall (characteristics to be provided)
 - e.g. :fiber content , fabric weight (g/m²)
 - Application :
 - working coverall (characteristics to be provided)
 - certified gloves
 - Respiratory and Eyes/face protection
 Depend on : hazard, type of PPP, RA



Conclusion

- PPE recommendations provided by the notifier and checked by the agency
- PPE recommendations are based on :
 - RA, hazard, to prevent exposure
- Working coveralls
 - mostly used and effective in several situations,
 - however currently not PPE
- ISO 27065 could be applied for certification of working coveralls



Thank you for your attention

