

Event announcement, 13 October 2005

2nd BfR Consumer Protection Forum “Multiple Residues of Pesticides in Foods”

Headlines about poison in fruit and vegetables regularly cause a stir. However, the results presented on residues of pesticides are almost incomprehensible to consumers and the explanations of the findings are not necessarily helpful either. One of the frequently discussed questions concerns multiple residues, i.e. the remains of several agents in or on a food at the same time. There is a need for discussion of the circumstances under which multiple residues constitute a health risk. If individuals are exposed simultaneously to several chemical substances, health interactions are theoretically possible. There is no, as yet, general scientifically accepted concept for the assessment of multiple residues. At the 2nd BfR Consumer Protection Forum “Multiple Residues of Pesticides in Foods” on 9 and 10 November, a basis for the development of suitable assessment models for multiple residues is to be elaborated.

➤ **Multiple residues of pesticides in foods**

- Date:** 9 and 10 November 2005, 9 am start on both days
Venue: Federal Institute for Risk Assessment,
Berlin Marienfelde, auditorium
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin
With: Representatives of ministries, national and international agencies, EU, industry, non-governmental organisations and consumer protection associations

The Forum programme and further information on this subject can be accessed on our homepage (www.bfr.bund.de) under “Events”. Simultaneous translation will be provided. It is necessary to register in writing. Please send your registration quoting the keyword MULTIPLE RESIDUES by 2 November to:

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For media representatives there will be a press conference on 9 November 2005 at 1 pm. We cordially invite you to attend. Further information will be provided nearer the time.