



Federal Office of  
Consumer Protection  
and Food Safety



# Challenges on co-formulants

A view from the authority

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## Tasks Department 2

- Authorisation for plant protection products
- Competent authority for evaluation of active substances
- Applications for setting/ amending of MRL's

## Various other procedures, for example

- Authorisation for parallel trade
- Listed plant strengtheners and adjuvants
- Emergency authorisation, ...



## Co-formulants – some statistics

- **2900** co-formulants in authorised formulations,
- **7100** co-formulants in the database,
- **4000** substances in the database.

## Alternative co-formulants

Alternative co-formulants can be listed in the composition,

Equivalence is based on **composition** and **classification/labelling**.

- Full composition of the co-formulants is a data requirement, in general the applicants do not have these information,
- Authority has to deal with the manufacturers of the co-formulants,
- Differences between the composition statement of the manufacturer and the information in the SDS,
- Often the legal aspects are unclear (*actual*: formaldehyd releasing substances),
- Companies and brand names change,
- IT-resources.

# Thank you for your attention!

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