

The UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP)

Full minutes of the meeting of the UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP) held 28 January 2025

Those present

Chair

Mr J Clarke

Members

Professor M Eddleston; Dr J Garratt; Mr M Glynn; Dr C Harris; Dr C Hazlerigg; Dr I Katsiadaki; Dr R Mann; Dr A Rowbotham; Professor D Spurgeon; Mr P Stephenson; Professor M Whelan and Professor M Wright

Assessors

Ms K Chukwubike (UK Health Security Agency, UKHSA); Ms A Faulkner (Health and Safety Executive, HSE); Mr B MacDonald (Welsh Government); Mr A Murchie (representing the Northern Irish Government); Ms G Reay (Scottish Government) and Mr D Williams (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Defra)

Advisors

Mr A Dixon (HSE); Mr J Dale (HSE); Dr J Newman (Environment Agency); Dr A Porter (Defra); Dr C Snaith (HSE) and Ms M Wade (HSE)

Others

Mr G Kenney (HSE)

Apologies

Professor James Coulson; Dr Martin Rose; Dr C Scudamore; Mr B Maycock (Food Standards Agency, FSA) and Dr S Qassim (Natural England)

Agenda item 1: Introduction

1.1 The chair reminded the meeting of the confidentiality of the papers and their discussions. If members believed that they had a commercial or financial interest in any of the items being discussed, they were required to declare their interest to the chair and secretariat prior to the meeting. They may then either be invited to absent themselves from the discussions, not participate or not be involved in any discussions and decision-making, unless invited to do so.

1.2 One member identified a potential conflict of interest, this was deemed to be non-personal, non-specific conflicts and it was decided they could remain and participate in discussion on the relevant agenda items.

Agenda item 2: Full minutes of the previous meeting [ECP 1 (69/2025)]

2.1 Members agreed the full minutes of the November 2024 meeting.

Agenda item 3: Matters arising and forward business plan [ECP 2 (69/2025)]

3.1 The secretariat provided an update on matters arising from previous meetings and invited members to suggest any additions or amendments to the forward business plan which would be incorporated before the next meeting.

3.2 Members discussed the outstanding residue section of the dimpropyridaz active substance dossier. HSE confirmed they are still in discussions with the applicant over further data and will liaise with the secretariat to agree a date for HSE to present the data to the relevant members for advice.

Agenda item 4: Independent scientific advice: Dimpropyridaz [ECP 4 (69/2025)]

4.1 Dimpropyridaz was first considered by the committee in November 2023. HSE identified several areas that would require advice, and the committee members could explore any aspects of the risk assessment and underlying guidance they considered to be of interest.

4.2 The secretariat introduced a working draft of the independent scientific advice for dimpropyridaz. Members formally approved the draft note as a true representation of the advice they provided, with the limitation that the advice note will not be submitted to HSE until the committee has considered and advised on the outstanding residue risk assessment section.

Agenda item 5: Draft 2024 ECP annual report [ECP 4 (698/2025)]

5.1 The secretariat introduced the first draft of the 2024 ECP annual report. The report details the work undertaken by the committee, alongside reporting on the fees and expenditures of the committee and the declaration of interests provided by members.

5.2 Members discussed the report, suggesting where possible the annual report link to the relevant minutes of the committee. The secretariat invited members to provide any additional comments by 11 February.

Action: Members

Agenda item 6: Date of next meeting

6.1 13 May 2025 To be held in a virtual manner.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

7.1 Members noted that the '[Edible protected crops](#)' and '[Outdoor vegetable crops](#)' pesticide usage surveys had been published and drawn to the attention of the committee for information.

7.2 The chair updated the committee on work carried out by The Weed Resistance Action Group that was of interest to the ECP.

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