

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSORS
ORGANISATION EUROPÉENNE DES INDUSTRIES
TRANSFORMATRICES DE FRUITS ET LÉGUMES

SPECIALTY CROPS

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PROFEL

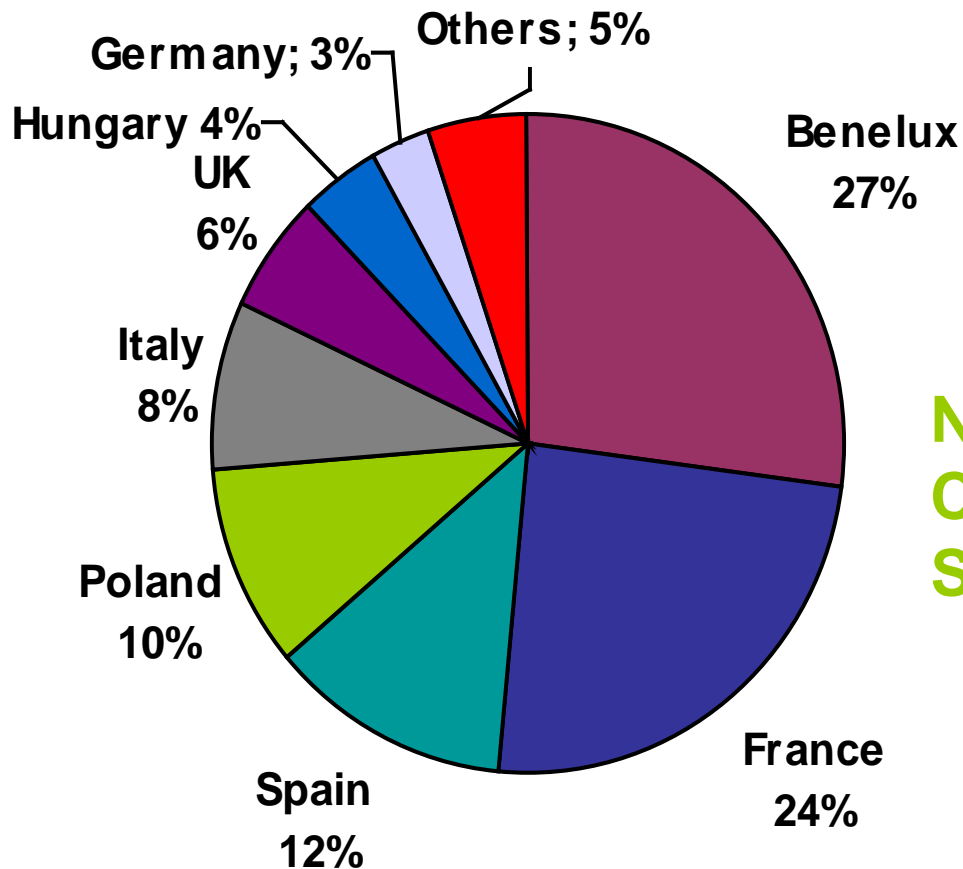
the European Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries

- **PROFEL** represents national associations and companies in 12 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden.
- **Aim:**
 - **To represent the common interests of the Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries**
- Open fields vegetables destined for processing industry: **5 million tons processed - more than 300 000 He**
 - Canned: 2,000,000 tons
 - Frozen: 3,100,000 tons
 - Dried: 35,000 tons



The issues

Main affected countries:



Divided into:

Northern European Area: 1%
Central European Area: 55%
Southern European Area: 44%

The risks (1)- Weed control

Examples: Carrots, peas, green beans, salsify

Carrot field/ July 2010



The risks (1)- Weed control

Salsify in France / July 2013



The risks (2) - Pests

Flies, lepidopterous on peas,
beans, nematodes on root
crops



Heliotis on beans



The risks (3) – Toxic plants

Datura



The risks (4)

Losses for all processing vegetables

Reminder - between 1995 and 2013

84 Active Substances for processing vegetables were **withdrawn** under the framework of Directive 91/414/CE:

- 28 herbicides
- 17 fungicides
- 39 insecticides

After 2013?

What will be the availability with the new evaluation criteria and with different evaluations from country to country?

“Minor uses” Working group for Processing vegetables (PROFEL) (1)

Since 2000: Creation of a first internal PROFEL working group

Development of a **technical collaboration** to:

- Take into account the **regulatory context** bringing removal of active substances
- Have an **European overview** of the sanitary and regulatory situation
- Substantiate the maintaining of **essential uses**

“Minor uses” Working group (2) THE WORK CONTINUED:

2006

Enlargement of ‘Minor uses’ Working group within PROFEL (DE, UK, NL)

8-9-10 October 2013

Meeting co-chaired by MALET (F) , ROMAN (NL) in Paris (at UNILET premises)

→ 17 European countries attended

→ Sharing of information and of distortive decisions of Member States

“Minor uses” Working group (3)

Partners involved:

- **BELGIUM:** VEGEBE – PHYTO Committee, DRC,
- **SPAIN:** ASEVEC - CNTA,
- **UK:** PVGA/UKAFFP,
- **FRANCE:** UNILET and CTIFL
- **GERMANY:** DLR
- **THE NETHERLANDS:** LTO Nederland
- **ITALY**
- **GREECE**

“Minor uses” Working group (4)

Two levels of cooperation:

-Level 1 : distribution of approval dossiers within the group

-Level 2 : exchange of information for a mutual recognition

→ Real willingness from actors but distortion of competition remains between areas and countries

→ France is isolated *vis-à-vis* the central area

Conclusions

- The current system is **effective** but **fragile**. It is based on voluntary actions and it is not adequate to address future challenges
- Solutions have been proposed by various reports (ARCADIA...) submitted to DG SANCO but no decision has been taken

- **LACK OF DECISION-MAKING POWER TO INFLUENCE MEMBER STATES**

- **NEED FOR MORE HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL MEANS**

- **POSSIBILITY TO EXTEND MUTUAL RECOGNITION TO PROCESSING VEGETABLES AND ALL SPECIALTY CROPS IN ALL AREAS**

