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Instructions for applying for an authorisation by derogation for plant protection products

Authorisation by derogation may be granted in emergency situations related to plant protection (1107/2009 art. 53). To streamline the authorisation process, please answer the questions in posed in these instructions when entering a justification for the derogation application. Please provide justification for each requested combination of crop and plant pest or plant group and plant group pest separately.

Submit the application for authorisation by derogation well before the requested use date to allow for enough time to process the application. In the case of repeated applications for authorisation by derogation for the same use, Tukes recommends submitting the application already six months in advance of the requested use date to avoid a backlog of applications.

1. Risk posed by a plant pest to plant production

- 1.1. In what way and at which stage of the crop plant's growth cycle does the plant pest damage or hinder the crop plant's growth
- 1.2. How do the plant pest's characteristics, such as their reproductive capacity and speed, potential to spread, existing resistances or the likelihood of developing resistances affect the presence and spreading of the plant pest?
- 1.3. Through which sources does the plant pest typically contaminate or spread? Also, how does the plant pest spread between different areas and crops?
- 1.4. How do the weather, climate and other environmental conditions affect the plant pest's presence and spreading?
- 1.5. How common, established and wide-spread is the plant pest in Finland? Does the plant pest have a specific classification based on its spreading or harmfulness? (for example, quarantined plant pests)
- 1.6. How do the crop plant's characteristics, such its way of growth and range of species affect the presence and spreading of the plant pest?
- 1.7. How do different cultivation practices and methods affect the presence and spreading of the plant pest?

2. The scale and likelihood of the risk posed by a plant pest to plant production

- 2.1. What is the expected area of use (ha) of the product for which authorisation by derogation is requested? On what information is the use area estimate based?
- 2.2. How large are the crop damages (%) that the crop pest is expected to cause in relation to an average yield?
- 2.3. How much variation has there been in the plant pest's occurrences and the amount of crop losses caused by the pest during different growth cycles?
- 2.4. What additional evidence is there to support the justifications in the application to indicate that the crop losses caused by the plant pest are likely to be significant?
- 2.5. What are the expected consequences if plants are not sufficiently protected from the plant pest?

3. Plant pest control

- 3.1. Why are plant protection products or other alternative methods of pest control currently approved for use in Finland – either on their own or combined with other pest control methods – inefficient or otherwise not feasible or sufficient alternatives for controlling the plant pest?
- 3.2. What additional evidence is there to support the justifications in the application to indicate that the threat posed to crops by occurrences of the plant pest cannot be controlled with products in the plant protection products register or other methods? The additional evidence can be based on observations, research results or statistics.

4. Effectiveness of the requested product

- 4.1. Why can the biological efficacy of the product for which authorisation by derogation is requested be considered sufficient to control the plant pest?

5. Applying repeatedly for authorisation by derogation for the same use

Authorisation by derogation is meant to be a short-term solution for plant protection emergencies. If you are requesting another authorisation by derogation for the same use, please include in the justification:

- Justifications for why the prerequisites and conditions for granting authorisation by derogation are still met.
- A description of any ongoing or planned testing as well as any research, development or project work that will promote the development of plant protection solutions and their implementation in plant pest control.
- A description of actions that you will undertake to promote the development of sustainable plant protection methods and their implementation in plant pest control.