Sustainable Use Directive Implementation

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• National Action Plans
  - All member states now in, including UK.
  - Commission review underway, comments expected late summer.
  - Not anticipating substantial comments on our plan.

• Training.
  - Some legislation, but essentially the market delivers.
  - Bring more competition to market, support bodies seeking designated status.
  - Courses now tending to be wider in scope.
  - More on this soon!
• Controls on sales.
  - Legislation on staff available at sales point.
  - Legislation on purchaser ensuring end user is certificated ends grandfather rights.

• Information and awareness-raising.
  - ACP PAHES review of human health monitoring arrangements. CRD to conduct cost/benefit analysis.
  - Commission’s strategic guidance document on monitoring impacts on human health and environment due imminently.
• Testing of application equipment.
  - Legislation requiring testing. Continued role for voluntary approaches.
  - Designation of NSTS as certificating body.
  - Some appetite in Europe for more centralised approach (SPISE).

• Aerial spraying.
  - Legislation requiring spray jobs to be permitted.
  - Administrative arrangements operating smoothly.
  - No longer just bracken, now tree diseases and OPM.
• Protection of water.
  - Legislation where required (preference products, use buffer zones, minimising use).
  - Voluntary approaches first crack at resolving issues.
  - Alternative approaches if necessary.

• Specific areas.

  - Legislation on minimising use.
  - Focus on amenity areas. Voluntary approaches to raise awareness/improve practice.
• Handling and storage.
  - Legislation.
  - Extensive industry guidance here, regularly updated.
  - Significant part of re-written Code of Practice.

• Integrated Pest Management/Indicators.

  - More in a minute!
Thank you, any questions?

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