SUD implementation: training and certification requirements

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References to training/certification:

- Recital (8)
- Chapter II – Article 5
- Annex I – training

(and link in article 55 of 1107/2009)
Recital (8)

‘It is essential that Member States set up systems of both initial and additional training for distributors, advisors and professional users of pesticides and certification systems to record such training so that those who use or will use pesticides are fully aware of the potential risks to human health and the environment and of the appropriate measures to reduce those risks as much as possible’.
Chapter II: Training, sales of pesticides, information and awareness raising

Article 5: Training:

Member States shall ensure that all professional users, distributors and advisors have access to appropriate training by bodies designated by the competent authorities. This shall consist of both initial and additional training to acquire and update knowledge as appropriate.

The training shall be designed to ensure that such users, distributors and advisors acquire sufficient knowledge regarding the subjects listed in Annex I, taking account of their different roles and responsibilities.
Article 5: Certification:

By 14 December 2013, Member States shall establish certification systems and designate the competent authorities responsible for their implementation. These certificates shall, as a minimum, provide evidence of sufficient knowledge of the subjects listed in Annex I acquired by professional users, distributors and advisors either by undergoing training or by other means.

Annex I

Training subjects referred to in Article 5:

1. All relevant pesticides legislation.
2. Illegal (counterfeit) plant protection products.
3. The hazards and risks associated with pesticides, and how to identify and control them.
4. Integrated pest management strategies and techniques.
5. Initiation to comparative assessment at user level.
6. Measures to minimise risks.
7. Risk-based approaches which take into account the local water extraction variables.
Annex I (continued)

Training subjects referred to in Article 5 (continued):

8. Procedures for preparing pesticide application equipment for work.

9. Use of pesticide application equipment and its maintenance, and specific spraying techniques.

10. Emergency action to protect human health, the environment including water resources.

11. Special care in protection areas.

12. Health monitoring and access facilities to report on incidents.

13. Record keeping of any use of pesticides.
Content of course documentation checked at CRD

There are two aspects:

- Policy check to ensure that all aspects of Annex I are covered in the course documentation.
- Technical check; this ensures the safe operation of the different types of application equipment.

Once we agree that all the required aspects are included, CRD can agree to the organisation being designated as a training provider.
Conversion of “grandfather rights”

Under the previous UK pesticide legislation, anyone born before 31 December 1964 who used an agricultural product on their own or their employer’s land was exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competence.

Grandfather rights will be withdrawn from November 2015.

City & Guilds have a conversion course; uptake 80 so far.
Guidance for those affected by the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012

This is available on the CRD website at: http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/guidance/industries/pesticides/topics/using-pesticides/codes-of-practice/Guidance_Sustainable_Use_PPP_Regs_2012.htm
Thank you – any questions?

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