AMATEUR LIAISON GROUP

The Amateur Liaison Group (ALG) was established following a review in 2011 of stakeholder engagement for the Pesticides National Action Plan, which is being developed under Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides. The review concluded that a number of areas required specific arrangements for stakeholder engagement, including liaising with organisations representing amateur users, manufacturers and retailers of amateur products.

The review considered that the then Amateur Use Action Plan Implementation Group, which was established under the National Strategy for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides, covered the range of stakeholder interests concerned for these purposes. All members of that Group were invited to participate in the ALG. A list of members is at Annex A.

The ALG first met on 29 March 2012. The agenda of that meeting is attached (Annex B) and indicates the key interests covered by the Group. It provides a forum for CRD to update the Group on regulatory developments affecting the authorisation of amateur plant protection products, as well as progress with research particularly on disposal and recycling. It also provides stakeholders with an opportunity to advise CRD on the implications of regulatory activity for manufacturers and amateur users, including best practice, clear labelling and any issues that arise with regard to use of amateur products.

Future meetings of the ALG will take place routinely twice a year, once in the spring and once in the autumn.
Annex A

AMATEUR LIAISON GROUP: MEMBERSHIP

John Adlam  Horticultural Trades Association (HTA)
David Evans  Crop Protection Association (CPA)
Nick Mole  Pesticide Action Network UK (PAN UK)
Deborah Cave  B&Q
Roy Miller  B&Q
Donna McDaid  National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG)
Steve Mercer  Which? Gardening
Andrew Halstead  Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
Mark Wilson  Defra
Marie Coventry  Scottish Government
David Thomas  Welsh Government
Deborah Currie  DARDNI

CRD participants

Tim Davis  Head of Policy Development Team (chair)
Karen Trott  Policy Development Team (secretary)
Tracy Roberts  Regulatory specialist
THEMATIC STRATEGY FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES

Amateur Liaison Group
Thursday 29 March 2012 at 1 p.m.
Room 105, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR.

Agenda

1. Introductions and apologies
2. Note of the previous meeting and actions arising
3. Sustainable Use Directive
4. Training and Information
5. Product Labelling (paper for discussion)
6. Disposal (research project to investigate the scope for the recycling of used pesticide containers)
7. Regulatory Issues
8. Product stewardship
9. AOB
10. Date and venue of next meeting