Inspection of Pesticide Application Equipment

Standarised Procedure for the Inspection of Sprayers in Europe (SPISE) website

- The Standardised Procedure for the Inspection of Sprayers in Europe (SPISE) is a voluntary working group established in 2004, with a network of more than 100 experts including mainly EU Member States, led by experts from NL, BE, FR, IT and DE. The objective of SPISE is to support the implementation of the Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUD) in relation to the inspection of Pesticide Application Equipment (PAE).
- In particular, the SPISE working group aims to improve the harmonization of the procedures for the inspection of sprayers in use in the European Union and to facilitate the constant exchange of information between MS aimed at enhancing the sustainability of plant protection.
- The SPISE website describes the main activities undertaken by the SPISE Working Group and contains reports and proceedings of all SPISE Workshops. In addition, SPISE publishes a series of so called "SPISE Advice" containing collective experiences from a number of MS on how to harmonize sprayer inspection procedures (Common procedure for risk assessment; quality management procedures; training of inspectors) and how to support the implementation of the SUD Directive (Guideline for uniform interpretation/use of EN-ISO 16122 standards; inspection of new sprayers; development guidelines for inspection of PAE where no harmonized standard is for at the moment; guideline for sprayers adjustment).