



Rodenticide Working Group

presentation to the SGAR Stakeholder Meeting





The Rodenticide Working Group (RWG) is a Working Group of the European Biocidal Products Forum, a Sector Group of cefic (European Chemical Industry Council).

The RWG represents European active substance manufacturers, main formulators and EU-wide approval holders. Its Inaugural meeting was held in 2002.

1. User type

It has been the long-held position of the RWG that use of rodenticides by amateurs is needed to maintain human health and public hygiene.

- to do otherwise removes a right to a quality of life
- support limitations on availability of pack sizes – maximum for amateurs and minimum for professionals impossible to achieve without a EU-wide definitions including considerations of the status of farmers janitors etc.
- relatively meaningless unless sale is also controlled under the BPD/BPR

2. Restrictions on outdoor use

The RWG fully supports Option 2.

- necessary to control rat infestations resistant to difenacoum and bromadiolone
- 'signed up to this' in 2006/7 when supporting the COM RMM paper
- have foregone Annex I inclusion for use in all four use areas to achieve this outcome in the UK
- any other option would deny effective rat control to professional and amateur users

3. Definition of 'around buildings'

The RWG fully supports the COM definition '...the area around the building that needs to be treated to control the infestation...'

- provides pragmatic and effective control
- to not treat the area where rats are nesting, living and feeding is poor rodent control
- any restrictions are likely to extend the duration of treatment

4. Restrictions on bait placements

The RWG continues to support the restriction of the prevention of access by children, birds and non-target animals

- common sense and best-practice throughout Europe
- the proposed 2nd phrase is ill-defined – for example, what is an area?, is it a specific room or the whole house?
- when and how is an area inaccessible?



5. Maximum duration of baiting

The RWG continues to support that in most cases, control should be achieved within 35 days, otherwise the cause should be investigated and documented

- common sense and best-practice
- limitations on baiting areas will prejudice this expectation
- permanent baiting should not be routine practice
- an up-to-date written assessment and justification must be available if baits are to be placed permanently

6. Frequency of visits

The RWG fully supports the removal of dead and moribund rodents whenever the site is visited

- necessary bestpractice
- the frequency of site visits should be part of the site assessment
- daily visits may not be necessary on all sites

Looking forwards

- The RWG fully supports the 2006/7 COM paper
- Many member companies are also CRRU members and have supported it from its inception
- Within the EBPF the RWG took the initiative to develop a Sustainable Use document

The RWG is currently finalising a Best Practice document for the use of rodenticides



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