

## **BfR workshop on assessment criteria for endocrine disrupting plant protection products**

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Substances that have adverse effects on the endocrine system, so-called endocrine disruptors, are increasingly subject to public interest. The new EC regulation on the placing of plant protection products on the market (Reg. (EC) No 1107/2009) therefore stipulates that only substances that do not have endocrine disrupting properties that may cause adverse effects in humans are approved in plant protection products. In order to develop assessment and decision criteria for this purpose, the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) organised a workshop entitled “establishment of decision criteria in human health risk assessment for substances with endocrine disrupting properties under EU plant protection product regulation” from 11 to 13 November 2009 in Berlin.

50 experts from 16 countries were present at the workshop and discussed how this new demand on plant protection product approval can be implemented and which particularly critical points must be clarified in advance. BfR will publish the workshop recommendations after final approval and incorporate these into an assessment and decision scheme. These are important first steps to support future implementation of the new EC regulation on substances with endocrine disrupting properties in plant protection products.

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