



**ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN BUSINESSES  
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**Annual Report**

**Crop Protection Sub-Committee Activity in  
2010**

# Government Relations

The trend of expanding external affairs, first of all government relations, has been developing.

## *Official Meetings:*

Ministry of Agriculture – 6

Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision – 5

Federal Supervision Service for Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare - 1

## *Telephone Negotiations:*

Ministry of Economic Development – 6

Ministry of Industry and Trade – 4

Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology – 4

*Official Letters* – 9

*Open Events* - 2



# Working groups activities

*Objective A*  
optimization and  
harmonization  
of the process  
of Crop Protection products  
(CPP) registration with  
European standards –  
Working group 1  
(K. Felshart, BASF)  
Meetings - 6

## Achievements:

- consolidated proposals for the Law draft "On Amending the Federal Law On the Safe Handling of Pesticides and Agrochemicals on July 19, 1997" were prepared on the basis of a set of discussions between CPS members with participation of ECPA. The document was sent to the Ministry of Agriculture;
- participation in 2 official meetings of MOA;
- extended meeting with authorities in AEB 15.12.10 (MOA, Rosselkhoznadzor, Rospotrebnadzor) – constructive dialogue.



# Working groups activities

## *Objective B*

developing effective measures to prevent and fight against counterfeit products on the Russian CPP market

## *Working Group 2*

(S. Matveeva, DuPont)

Meetings - 8

## *Achievements:*

- common strategy with the Russian Union of CPP manufacturers was developed and started to implement. This activity is supported by authorities;
- proposals on changes to the current legislation and law-enforcement procedure was prepared and sent to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Federal Customs Service and Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision.
- CPS AC working group members took part in the All-Russian seminar on intellectual property protection, organized by Federal Customs Service (FTS). They made a presentation on the situation vis-à-vis counterfeiting in the Russian CPP market and on key risk criteria that could help in the detection and seizure of counterfeit crop protection products at customs clearance points. The CPS is planning to take part in all Russian and regional IPR FTS seminars on a regular basis.



# Working groups activities

## *Objective C*

preparing necessary  
base for establishing CMS  
on the territory of Russia

### *Working group 3*

(V. Belavin, Bayer CropScience)

Meeting - 1

## *Achievement:*

Regular contacts with appropriate  
authorities, research institutes  
and NGOs were established



## Collaboration with ECPA

Regular exchange of information and regular participation of CPS representatives in ECPA events as well as participation of ECPA experts in CPS working groups and other meetings helps to further the harmonization process of Russian and European legislation.

*Prepared Reports for ECPA – 3*

*Participation in ECPA meetings – 3*

*Russia was chosen as a perspective country to launch AC Project in 2011 (the project is in process of preparation).*



## Collaboration with Russian Union of CPP Manufacturers

### Spheres of common interests:

- Anti-Counterfeiting Activity (3 meetings);
- Waste Container Management (1 meeting);
- Statistics Exchange (4 meetings).

2 official letters concerning AC were prepared on behalf of CPS and Russian Union.



## Burning Issues & Main Obstacles

- establishing new regulations of Common Customs Union without their clear enforcement;
- complicated and time-consuming state registration process caused by its supervision by different authorities;
- current rearrangement of responsibilities between authorities controlling state registration;
- insufficient legislation for efficient fighting against counterfeit products as well as its enforcement (for example, implementation of court decisions regarding destroying arrested counterfeit products);
- a lack of legislative, management and logistic basis for CMS.



## Main Goals and Objectives in 2011

*remain the same*

More attention should be paid to Waste Container Management.

There is a project “Waste Governance – ENPI EAST” funded by the EU under its European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument started in December 2009 and supervised officially by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology. EU Delegation to the Russian Federation is also involved in this activity. The main goal is elaborating waste management strategy:

- inventorization of illegal waste disposal sites
- converging the existing waste classifier to EU system
- strengthening the institutional basis for attracting waste management investments into the pilot region – Moscow Oblast was chosen as one.

This information should be discussed at next meeting of WG 3 – CMS to elaborate the appropriate strategy and action plan for next year.

2 important projects are being launched in 2011- AC and Statistics Exchange



*Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!*

*Merci de Votre Attention!*

*Спасибо за внимание!*