

Report to TFRN from EPMAN7

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Attendees

- 23 people from 11 countries
- Simultaneous interpretation into Russian

Objectives of EPMAN

- Provide guidance for abating ammonia in the context of reactive N
 1. To develop the guidance document for Annex 9 (complete)
 2. To develop the Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practices (ongoing)

What is the difference between the Guidance Document and the Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practices?

The Guidance Document is quite detailed and technical although made understandable for knowledgeable non-experts and intended for indicate to policy makers how the task of complying with the Annex 9 to reduce ammonia emissions can be can reasonably be accomplished.

The Framework Code is intended as a guide for producers and advisors on a more simple and practical level. Parties are encouraged to develop their own Framework Code – this is intended for guidance and as a default for parties that do not have their own Framework Code

Agenda

IPPC/BREF Process *Koster Georgitzikis, Serge Roudier and German Santonja of the European Commission in Spain and Greece*

Discussion on areas of agreement and differences between the BREF and Guidance Document *by Martin Dedina (Document is posted on TFRN website)*

Discussion on Framework code Chapters

- o Housing Cattle -*Harald Menzi*
- o Housing Poultry and Pigs -*Barbara Amon*
- o Storage -*Barbara Amon*
- o Manure Spreading -*J Webb*
- o Feed- *Harald Menzi*
- o Fertilizer -*Tom Misselbrook*
- o Whole farm N Management- *Nick Hutchings (new chapter)*

Postponed:

- *EPN-EECCA (Expert Panel on Nitrogen in Eastern Europe, Central Caucasus and Asia)*
- *Update on St Petersburg proceedings Klaas van der Hoek*

General Points Regarding further work the Framework Code Document

- *To make FC document more inviting to farmers (and less regulatory) by emphasizing savings and availability of simple low cost methods*
- Ensure that:
 - Standardize the document so that chapters are of similar complexity and detail (depending in part on data availability)
 - Standardize amount of data on emission reduction
 - Ensure consistency with Guidance document

Plan

Chapter leads (including presenters, Helmut Dohler and Harald Menzi, and others)

- Incorporate changes from the discussion
- Examine and resolve issues identified by committee.
- Develop new drafts and circulate to EPMAN for approval (suggest target end of May)

All

- Conference call to discuss any outstanding issues
- Submit to TFRN for ratification

Additional plan:

- Develop more illustrated chapters for posting on the WEB
- Develop tools