Plant protection products are substances or formulations that are used to protect plants or plant products against harmful organisms, to influence the life of the plant (except for nutrients), preserve plant products, destroy undesired plants, and to prevent the growth of undesired plants. Their wide use in agriculture and horticulture means it is inevitable for them to come into contact with users, producers and/or consumers. The EU, in a wide-reaching Directive, has evaluated over 1000 existing substances, as well as continually evaluating newly-developed substances, for their use in plant protection product formulations. Only those substances which have minimal risk to man, animal and the environment were included in Annex I of Council Directive 91/414/EEC until 2011 and are now approved as active substances under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. Under 91/414/EEC, the existing active substances were grouped into 4 individual lists governed by individual sets of legislation for their respective regulatory procedures. Lists 2, 3 and 4 were subject to revised procedures, which were laid down in the following pieces of legislation: COM REG 1095/2007 (071120) laying down further detailed rules for the implementation of the 3rd and 4th stage of the program of work COM REG 33/2008 regular and accelerated procedure for the assessment of active substances. COM REG (EU) No 741/2010 of 17 August 2010 amending Regulations (EC) No 1490/2002 and (EC) No 2229/2004 as regards the date until which authorizations may continue to be in force in cases where the notifier has submitted an application in accordance with the accelerated procedure under Regulation (EC) No 33/2008 COM DECISION of 13 August 2010 amending Decisions 2008/934/EC and 2008/941/EC as regards the date until which authorizations may continue to be in force and the period of grace, in cases where the notifier has submitted an application in accordance with the accelerated procedure under Regulation (EC) No 33/2008. Renewal of approval of active substances is laid down in Commission implementing regulation (EU) No 844/2012 of 18 September 2012, setting out the provisions necessary for the implementation of the renewal procedure for active substances, as provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The timeline to submit the supplementary dossier for renewal is three years prior to the
expiry date of the active substance, with pre-notification given another six months prior to dossier submission.

Renewal Procedure
Four groups of substances (AIR 1 to AIR 4) are distinguished for renewal by the following legislation:

AIR 1: COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2007/21 lays down the renewal of the first group of active substances, with procedure for renewal described in COMMISSION REGULATION 737/2007
AIR 2: COMMISSION REGULATION 1141/2010 lays down the renewal of the second group of active substances, with SANCO/11808/2011 describing the procedure of the renewal.
AIR 3: COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 686/2012 lays down the renewal of the third group of active substances, with SANCO/2012/11251 rev. 4 DRAFT as a guidance document on the renewal of approval of active substances
AIR 4: A regulation is under discussion (status 2015), laying down the renewal of the forth group of active substances

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