


The Code of Conduct

- Is a voluntary standard that covers all aspects of pesticide management and serves as a point of reference for governments and the pesticide industry.
- Is globally accepted by all main stakeholders, i.e. governments, industry, public interest groups and farmer organizations.
- Is a comprehensive approach to improve pesticide management.
- Considers pesticide management a part of chemical management as well as sustainable agricultural development.

History of the Code of Conduct

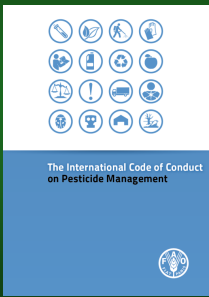


- Initial adoption in 1985
- First revision in 1989
 - to include the PIC procedure
- Second revision in 2002
 - more focus on risk reduction, protection of human and environmental health
 - support for international conventions and multilateral agreements
 - strengthening the monitoring of the Code
- Third revision in 2013
 - approved 2013 by FAO and 2014 by WHO

Purpose of revising Code of Conduct

- Eliminate inconsistencies and improve international compatibility through ...
 - standardizing laws and regulations
 - unifying quality standards and procedures
- Improve quality and public confidence in pesticide management
- Facilitate global trade
- Reduce cost for registration
- Coordinate implementation of international treaties

Main changes to the latest Code



- Change of title to reflect life-cycle approach: **Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management**
- incorporates public health pesticides and vector control
- Updated definitions
- More emphasis on health and environment
- Introduction of GHS for classification and labelling
- Several minor text changes to better align with new developments

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Article 1: Objectives of the Code

Article 1 ...

- promotes the voluntary adoption of standards of conduct
- lists the public and private entities addressed by the Code
- stresses the need for national legislation and regulations to implement the Code
- describes shared responsibilities and the need for cooperation
- encourages assistance to countries which have not yet established regulatory systems

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Article 1: Objectives of the Code

Changes

- New name: **Code of Conduct for Pesticide management**
- Added: expanded list of entities (stakeholders)
- Added: effects on animal health
- Added: adoption of life cycle approach
- Added: contributing to sustainable improvements
- Added: Integrated Vector Management

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Article 2: Terms and definitions for the purpose of this Code

- **Pesticide** means any substance, or mixture of substances of chemical or biological ingredients **intended for repelling, destroying or controlling any pest**, or regulating plant growth.
- **Pest** means any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent **injurious to plants and plant products, materials or environments** and includes vectors of parasites or pathogens of human and animal disease and animals causing public health nuisance.
- **Risk** is the probability and severity of an adverse health or environmental effect occurring as a **function of a hazard and the likelihood and the extent of exposure to a pesticide**.

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- **Highly Hazardous Pesticides** means pesticides that are acknowledged to present particularly high levels of acute or chronic hazards to health or environment according to internationally accepted classification systems such as WHO or GHS or their listing in relevant binding international agreements or conventions. **In addition, pesticides that appear to cause severe or irreversible harm to health or the environment under conditions of use in a country may be considered to be and treated as highly hazardous**

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Article 2: Terms and Definitions

Other added definitions

- Co-formulant
- Container
- Integrated Vector Management
- International Organizations
- Life cycle
- Pest Control Operator (PCO)
- Pesticide management
- Public health pesticides
- Specification
- Vulnerable groups

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Article 2: Terms and Definitions

Modified definitions

- Active ingredient
- Pesticide
- Registration
- Residue
- Risk

Deleted definitions

- Pesticide industry
- Pesticide legislation
- Use pattern

Technical Guidelines in support of the Code of Conduct

- Provide more detailed guidance on specific areas of the Code of Conduct.
- Are developed by the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management, which guides the preparation and ensures their independence and quality.



Framework of Technical Guidelines

- Legislation
- Policy
- Registration
- Compliance and enforcement
- Distribution and Sales
- Use
- Application Equipment
- Prevention and disposal of obsolete stocks
- Post registration Surveillance
- Monitoring observance of the Code

Guidelines and Tools can be found at:

<http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/pests/en/>