

Abbreviations and acronyms



Most used abbreviations and acronyms

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific (Group of ACP States that have signed a series of agreements with the EU, called the 'Cotonou Agreements')
ADI	Acceptable daily intake (in mg/kg bw/day)
AOEL	Acceptable operator exposure level: Acceptable level for operator exposure when pesticides are applied
ARfD	Acute reference dose
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service. Registration number for chemical substances
CCP	Critical control point (under the HACCP method)
CLP	The CLP Regulation is the name given to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures
CMR	Carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic substances
CSR	Corporate social responsibility
DT ₅₀	Half-life of a substance in a given soil (in days)
EC	Emulsifiable concentrate, liquid formulation of a solvent-based pesticide
ECR	Emerging chemical risk
EMS	Environmental management system

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
EPPO	European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation
ETI	Ethical trading initiative
EU	European Union
EVPP	Empty containers of plant protection products
EvRP	<i>Evaluation des Risques professionnels</i> (equivalent to HIRA - Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation: UN organisation that addresses food security problems in the world
FBI	Foodborne illness outbreak
FLO	Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International (FLO)
FSMS	Food safety management system (see also QMS)
GAP	Good agricultural practices (set of application conditions that must be defined: dosage, volume, formulation, technique, PHI)
GHS	General harmonised system (product classification and labelling)
GLP	Good laboratory practices
GMO	Genetically modified organism
GPP	Good phytosanitary practices (set of rules to follow to avoid contaminating the operator or the environment and to avoid residues)
HACCP	Hazard analysis critical control point: system that defines, assesses and prevents food safety problems

IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
ICB	Independent (third-party) certification body (see TPC)
ICM	Integrated crop management or integrated production
ILO	International Labour Organisation
INERIS	Institut National de l'Environnement industriel et des risques, the French national institute for industrial environment and hazards
INRS	Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité, the national research and safety institute for the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases in France
IOBC	International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants
IPM	Integrated pest management
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
ISO	International Organization for Standardization. ISO is the international standards body whose members are the national standards institutes of 149 countries
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
JECFA	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
JHA	Job hazard analysis
K _d	Adsorption coefficient (measures how tightly the pesticide binds or sticks to soil particles)
LCA	Life cycle assessment (or analysis)
LD ₅₀	Lethal dose 50 (mg/kg bw)

LOAEL	Lowest observed adverse effect level. Lowest concentration causing an adverse effect. See also NOAEL - no observable adverse effect level.
LOD	Detection limit
LOQ	Limit of quantification (also called limit of determination)
MRL	Maximum residue level
MSDS	Material safety data sheet
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
NOAEL	No observable adverse effect level
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEL	Occupational exposure limits
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series
OSHA-EU	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls, chlorinated aromatic compounds (209 congeners)
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction, a technique to amplify gene sequences
PHI	Pre-harvest interval (number of days to wait before harvesting)
PNEC	Predicted no-effect concentration, for aquatic species.
PPE	Personal protective equipment

PPNU	Non-usable plant protection products (outdated or obsolete)
PS	Private, or voluntary, standard
PTMI	Provisional tolerable monthly intake
PTWI	Provisional tolerable weekly intake
QMS	Quality Management System (see also FSMS)
REACH	Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 on chemicals (1 June 2007)
SA 8000	A standard considered as the first private international reference standard concerning the rights and respect of the individual on the job
SDS	Safety data sheet: technical note detailing all the dangers of a product, means of prevention and emergency measures, also see MSDS
TDI	Tolerable daily intake
TEQ	Toxic equivalent
TNC	Tesco Nature's Choice: a TESCO private standard
TPC	Third-party certifier (see ICB)
TRV	Toxicological reference value
TWI	Tolerable weekly intake
UL	Oil-based concentrated solution, liquid pesticide formulation
UN	United Nations Organisation

UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNECE	The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
WG	Water-dispersible granules, solid pesticide formulation
WHO	World Health Organisation
WP	Wettable powders, solid pesticide formulation
WTO	World Trade Organisation