

QUESTION 1638

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Question 1638 for written reply, National Assembly: Mr N D du Toit (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether South Africa participated in the latest World Health Organisation (WHO) survey on public health pesticide registration and management practices by WHO member states; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1843E**

REPLY:

1. The Department of Health is the national contact authority for the matters relating to the World Health Organisation (WHO). The DoH is responsible for the coordination of country comments and responses for matters relating to the WHO. The DAFF's involvement in terms of the survey questionnaire on the registration of pesticides and management practices stems from the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No 36 of 1947). This Act regulates or prohibits the importation, sale, acquisition, disposal or use of fertilizers, farm feeds, agricultural remedies and stock remedies; provides for the designation of technical advisers and analysts; and provides for matters incidental thereto.

The DAFF has responded to the WHO questionnaire on the registration of pesticides and management practices. The response to the questionnaire was forwarded to the DoH for consolidation as the questionnaire contained questions broader than the DAFF mandate.