



National Brigade for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Investigations (BNEVP)



We closely work with the regional and departmental levels of sanitary control services of our Ministry

In the phytosanitary field... The local sanitary services have to realise a large number of "inputs controls" for the MAAF
These controls concern the users of PPP, the distributors and as well approved applicators...

During these controls, are particularly verified :


- the existence of an AMM for each product held, commercialised or used ;
- the respect of the decisions of AMM's withdrawals or marketing extensions ;
- the labeling of products ;
- the respect of the requirements connected to the distributors approval certificate ;
- the respect of the storage conditions ;
- The selling of professional PPP only to professional users

Logo of the French Republic and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.



Complex anomalies are sometimes highlighted by local control agents


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Example of a recent legal proceeding in phytosanitary field
- Criminal Court of Marseille -
« Producers of cut flowers »



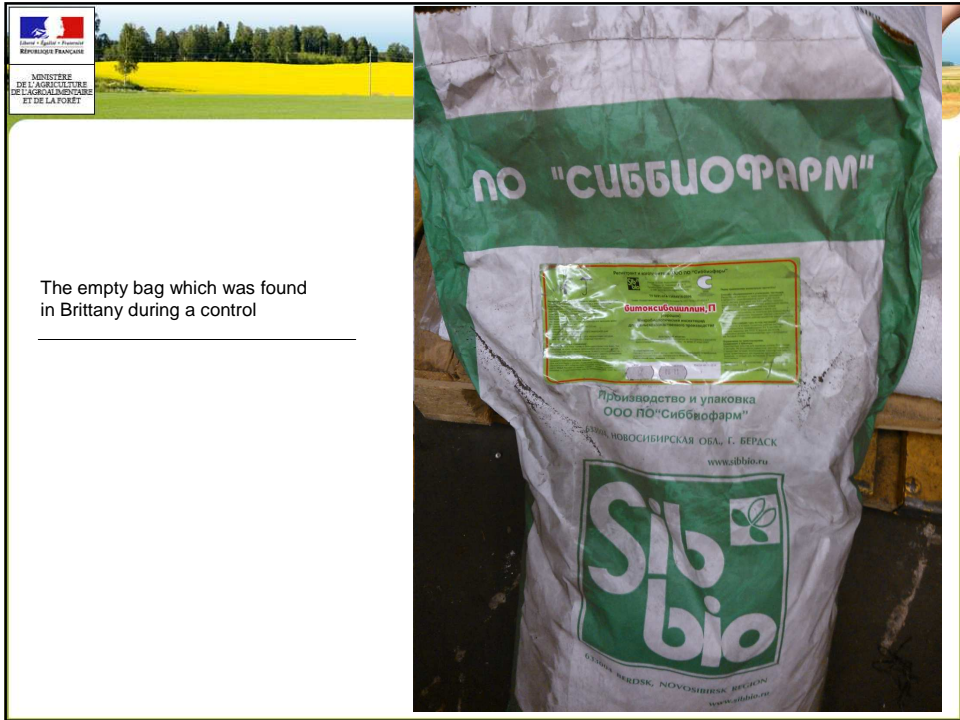
Production of cut flowers (roses) and fresh strawberries under green houses



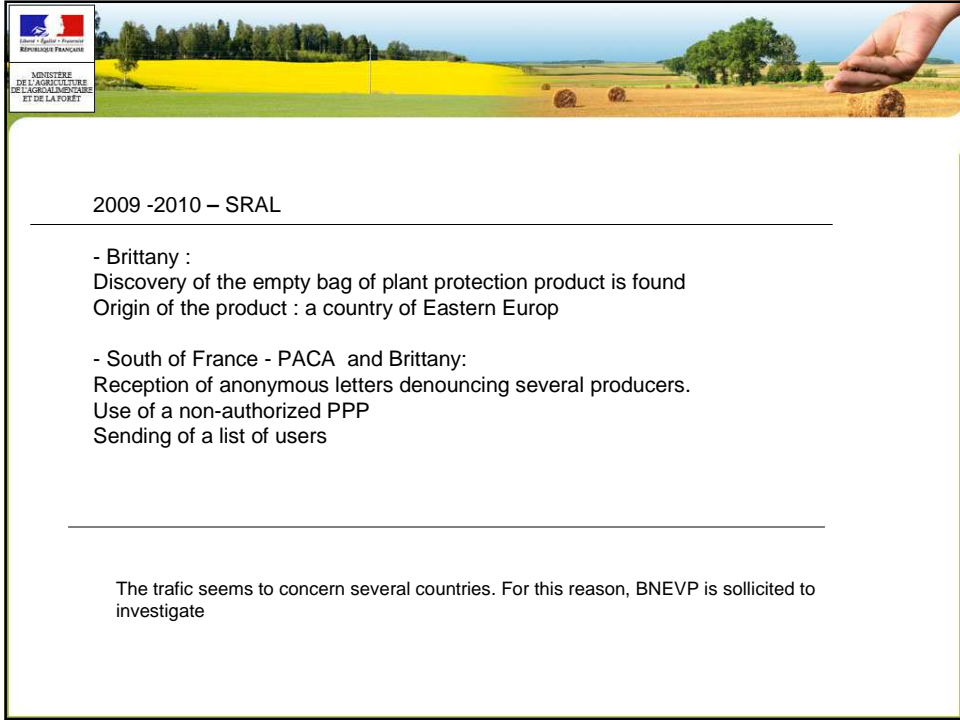

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Everything began with the discovery of a strange empty bag of plant protection product in a green house and the transmission of consistent information from two regional sanitary control services in the field of flowers and fruit productions under green house...





The empty bag which was found in Brittany during a control



2009 -2010 – SRAL

- Brittany :
Discovery of the empty bag of plant protection product is found
Origin of the product : a country of Eastern Europ
 - South of France - PACA and Brittany:
Reception of anonymous letters denouncing several producers.
Use of a non-authorized PPP
Sending of a list of users
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The trafic seems to concern several countries. For this reason, BNEVP is sollicited to investigate

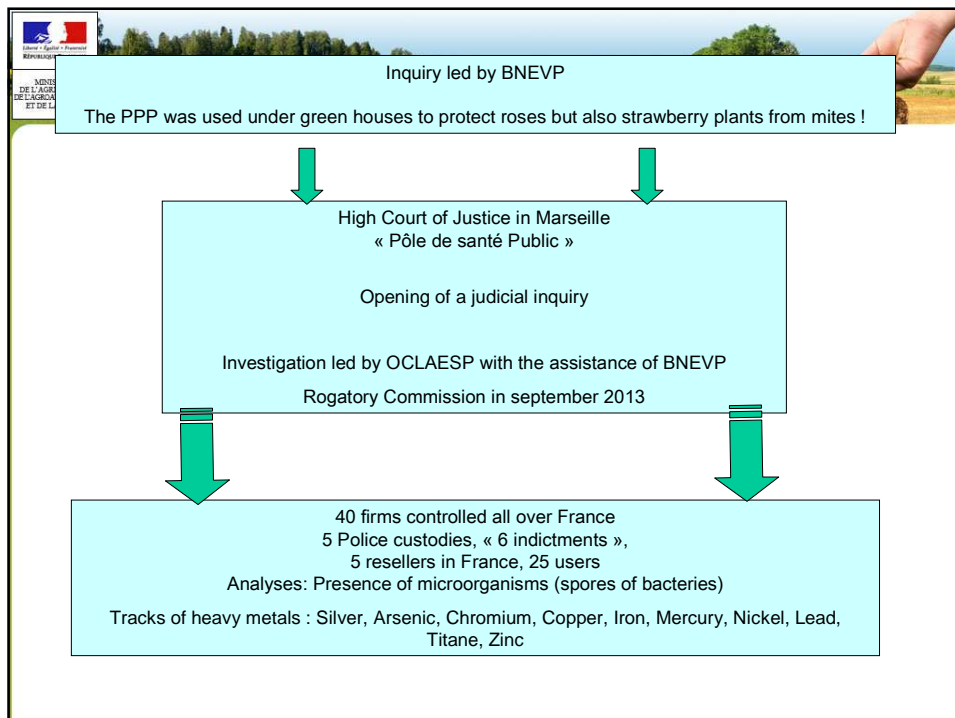
BNEVP conducts its investigation
8 roses producers are controlled in France

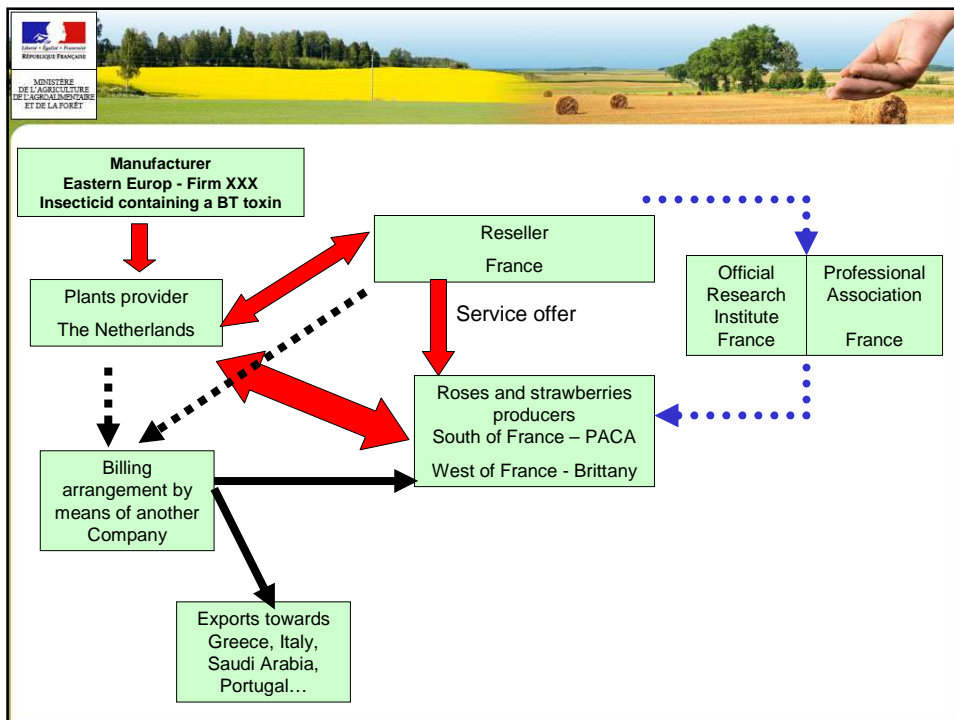
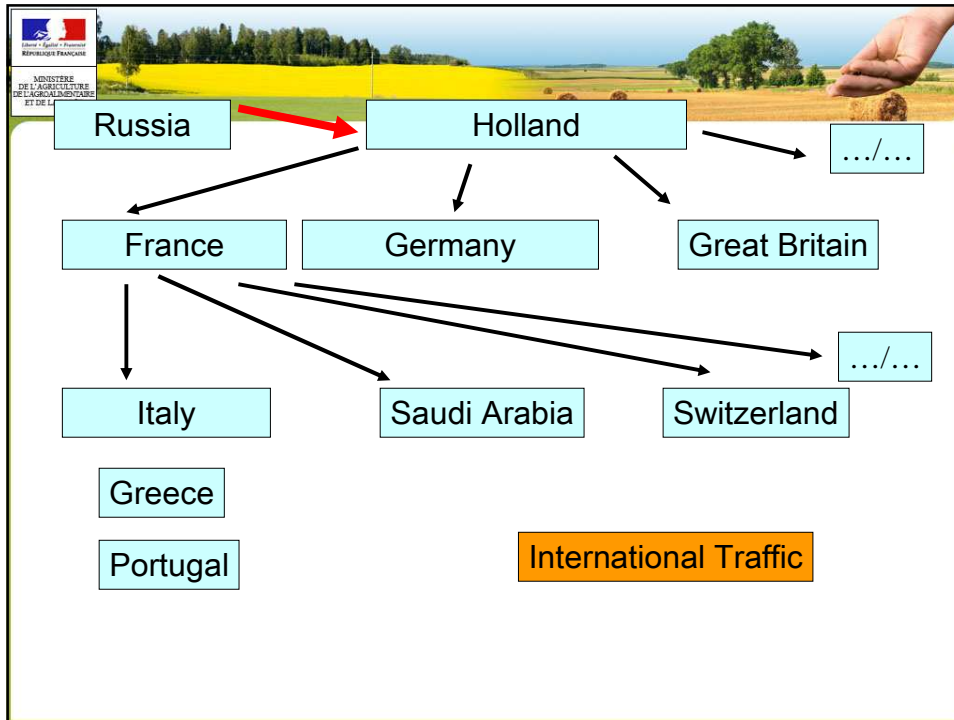
Forged invoices, products are seized

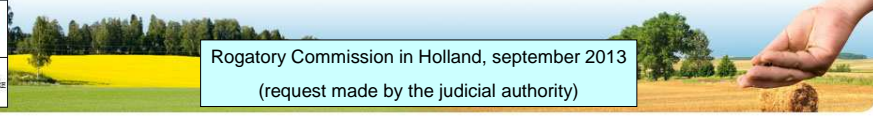
The PPP would contain « Bitoxybacilin » and different dangerous molecules (heavy metals)

Very well-organised marketing chain
Sold by a reseller in connection with the manufacturer and retailed by several rose advisers,

No direct buying of products between France and the sending country.
All the goods transited the Netherlands.







Rogatory Commission in Holland, september 2013
(request made by the judicial authority)

Mobilization of 60 policemen and 2 investigating judges in Holland
French investigators from National Gendarmerie (OCLAESP) and BNEVP

8 police searches (products, forged invoices....)

6 Hearings of people accused
2 managers of compagny (legal proceedings in progress in Holland and France)
2 executives or private secretaries
1 dutch sale agent reselling in France already implicated in a similar affair refused to answer
On order of his lawyer
Legal proceedings in progress in France and in the Netherlands

85 boxes of paper-documents and 18 copies of computers'harddiscs have been seized

We now have to proceed to the enormous work of analysis of all the data



Thank you for your attention !

