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**In light of the current ECHA public consultation regarding Cholecalciferol, the Confederation of European Pest Management Associations (CEPA) and the French association CS3D is interested in having an additional tool to control rodents. In view of the above CEPA & CS3D wish to make a cautious contribution, with conditions, in support of the dossier concerning Cholecalciferol.**

**Background**

CEPA & CS3D wish to underline that one should remain vigilant vis à vis the public health consequences if the means to adequately control rodent populations in Europe is further curtailed. Continued access to anti-coagulants (AVK) as well as the availability of additional substances is therefore of paramount importance for the professional community.

**Conclusion**

The professional pest management services community sees the introduction of Cholecalciferol, **in certain conditions of use**, as an additional option to anticoagulants (AVK) to control rodent populations.

**However we would like to stress that Cholecalciferol can't be considered in any manner as a substitute to anticoagulants (AVK).**

**The European Professional Pest Management Industry**

The European professional pest management industry plays an important role in protecting public health and keeping homes, schools, recreational areas, hotels, food manufacturers, retail companies and others safe, pest and disease-free.

The European pest management industry is worth in excess of € 3 000 million, employs more than 40 000 people in 10 000 + companies throughout Europe, the majority of which are small and medium sized enterprises.

In March of 2015, after several years of negotiations with the European Standards Institute (CEN) and industry experts, CEPA launched a European standard (EN 16636) for the pest management service providers and a specific protocol to audit services companies and deliver CEPA certified certificates. To date almost 400 pest management companies across Europe have obtained CEPA Certified verified by independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits approved by CEPA ( 36 pest management companies in France)