

## **Code of conduct of the Alterra Environmental Risk Assessment group for services in the field of environmental risks of plant protection products**

1. Alterra is a scientifically independent institute of Wageningen UR, and researchers of the Alterra Environmental Risk Assessment Group perform tailor-made strategic and applied research in the field of environmental fate and effects of plant protection products for governmental authorities, industry and other stakeholders.

2. Consultancy services will be provided on the basis of state-of-the-art scientific knowledge and impartiality.

3. In case of research funded by government (directly or indirectly, including co-financing) the data obtained are part of the public domain, unless the funding governmental organisation decides otherwise in advance.

4. The results of research fully funded by industry are considered to be confidential, unless the sponsor agrees that (part of) results can be freely used (e.g. for scientific papers) or provided to other parties.

The confidentiality obligations do not apply if and insofar they are in conflict with any statutory tasks or obligations of Alterra and in that regard Alterra foresees a significant risk to persons, property, the environment or public health. In such cases Alterra shall, if possible, consult Client before disclosing such information.

5. Consultancy reports provided to registration authorities and industry are treated as confidential. The party that funded the consult, however, may decide otherwise.

6. On the same regulatory aspect of the same active ingredient listed in Annex 1 (EU Uniform Principles) experimental research will not be performed for different conflicting parties as long as the patent of the active ingredient has not yet expired.

7. On the same regulatory aspect of the same active ingredient listed in Annex 1 (EU Uniform Principles) consultancy activities will not be performed for different conflicting parties unless the required expert statement is primarily based on open domain data or sponsor data combined with open domain data and models.

8. Services that are in conflict with generally accepted responsibilities towards other stakeholders, society and environment will not be provided.

9. This Code of conduct may be updated and the current version is valid until May 9, 2019.