

INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO THE CD ROM „HANDBOOKS 1A TO D“

Why does CIPAC publish Handbooks 1A to D on CD ROM?

The Handbooks 1A (1980) to D (1988) are mostly out of print at time (2010 to 2011). Due to the fact that still an interest in these Handbooks exists for various reasons, CIPAC considered to reproduce the methods contained in these Handbooks.

A considerable percentage of the methods published in these Handbooks were considered as “no longer supported” in the CIPAC Method review (results see Cumulative Index to Handbook M contained in this CD ROM and notes therein). Therefore, CIPAC decided to reproduce these Handbooks in electronic form only and distribute them on a dedicated CD ROM “Handbooks 1A to D”.

The methods are reproduced and stored on the CD ROM in pdf format as image files. The drawback that these files are not searchable with the search window of Adobe Reader is outweighed by authenticity and the cost- and timesaving way of reproducing these Handbooks in an integral way.

CIPAC believe that safeguarding uninterrupted public access to these methods in a convenient and economic way has a high priority. We hope that this CD ROM will meet the demand of many stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in pesticide quality control, like national registration authorities, quality control laboratories, international organizations, pesticide industry and other interested parties.

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