Dear Colleague,

This is to inform you that the German speaking working group for plant protection formulations (DAPF) is planning to organise a collaborative trial on a method for measuring the completeness of the disintegration of tablets.

**Principle:** One entire tablet is added to a defined volume of CIPAC standard water D and mixed by gentle stirring for the specified disintegration time of the tablet. The suspension is then passed through a 2000 µm sieve. The absence of a residue on the screen indicates complete disintegration of the tablet. Any residue is collected, dried, weighed and recorded.

**Scope:** The trial will be done with three different kinds of tablets. Two tablets from each type will be used for testing the disintegration.

**Time schedule:** The collaborative trial is intended to be carried out during September - October 2012 (shipment at the beginning of September 2012). Those who wish to participate should contact the organiser by 24th August 2012. The results should be reported by 19th October 2012.

**Further information:** The trial is limited to a maximum 15 participants, because of the limited amount of tablets. A stirrer motor with speed control and a stainless steel stirrer propeller type with four fixed stirrer blades set at an angle of 45° (see also CIPAC F, MT 174, page 437) and a sieve, 2000 µm, 200 mm diameter, (ISO 565 or equivalent, see also CIPAC F, page 178, table 1) are needed.

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