

Role: Crop Protection Scientist (Pesticide Regulation)

Band: D

Team: Technical Directorate, Research Division

Reports to: Head of Crop Health & Protection

Band Descriptor: Specialist roles that are qualified in their field/s of expertise or qualified by evidenced experience. These roles will be able to contribute and input into new policies/ approaches or design its content. They will be expected to resolve issues and provide solutions. These roles require supervisory/team leader responsibilities.

Contribution to Corporate Business Plan: Contributing and developing

Role Purpose: Working as part of the AHDB Crop Health & Protection team, you are responsible for developing and conducting work associated with developing the minor-use plant protection product (EAMU) portfolio for AHDB. This includes contributing to the AHDB liaison on minor uses and regulatory issues with the agrochemical and biopesticide industry, working with UK and European/other international regulatory authorities, and writing and submitting applications for minor uses to relevant regulatory authorities. You will deputise for senior colleagues as required.

Key Responsibilities:

- Contribute technical and strategic thinking for the minor uses programme.
- Work with AHDB colleagues and external stakeholders to ensure that gaps in the crop protection armoury are identified.
- Manage the procurement of residue data collection studies and any other studies required to support the minor uses regulatory process, including developing external co-funding partnership arrangements as and when possible.
- Exploit all opportunities from AHDB in respect of cross-sector working, by taking an active role in cross-sector crop protection initiatives.
- Ensure full coordination of minor uses activities with the AHDB Levy Payer Communications to ensure timely and efficient delivery of outputs from the minor uses programme.
- Manage the implementation of the minor uses programme and ensure these properly balance AHDB strategic priorities and industry/Sector Panel needs.
- Deputise for senior colleagues.
- Management of residue data procurement contracts and resolve any problems arising.
- Coordinate the development and implementation of the AHDB Horticulture Crop Protection database.
- Maintain and update scientific and technical knowledge in field of expertise.
- Work closely with plant protection product manufacturers to ensure full visibility (within normal commercial constraints) of their product development portfolio.
- Work closely with colleagues in other AHDB divisions to maximise effective internal collaboration throughout AHDB to add value to AHDB work for levy payers.
- Act as a point of contact for horticulture industry stakeholders (including growers, grower associations, supply chain businesses, UK and overseas research contractors and other RKE funders) for the development/management of the minor uses programme.
- Act as a point of liaison between AHDB and UK regulator (CRD), engage with European Minor Uses Group meetings and liaise with broader international minor use initiatives (e.g. USDA IR-4 programme).
- Comply with all health, safety and welfare provisions of relevant UK legislation and AHDB policy.
- Safeguard the health, safety and welfare of staff at HQ and off-site in accordance with legislation and AHDB policy.
- Operate in compliance with EU/UK government legislation, including EU State Aid regulation.
- Comply fully with all relevant AHDB policies and processes.
- Behave responsibly and professionally and comply fully with AHDB policy and line management directives

Delegated Authority:

Budgetary responsibility in line with AHDB Standing Instructions

Person Specification – Knowledge/Skills/Experience:

- Must have an honours degree or extensive practical experience in a relevant scientific discipline and may have a post-graduate research degree or research experience.
- May have a professional qualification in a managerial or commercial discipline.
- Must have broad knowledge of the horticulture industry and be respected by, and able to influence, major stakeholder organisations.
- Must have broad knowledge of UK crop protection issues, the availability and development of new plant protection products and be respected by, and able to influence, all stakeholders involved in the minor uses arena.
- Should have broad knowledge and working experience of organisational management systems.
- Must have a strong track record in programme/project development and management.
- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills

	Area of Expertise	Level Required
1	Project Management	3
2	Presentation Skills	3
3	Written Communications	3
4	Identify/Instigate Research	3
5	Commission & Evaluate Research	3
6	Conduct/Execute Research	3

	Area of Expertise	Level Required
1	Customer Mind-Set	3
2	Performance Driven	3
3	Respecting Others	3
4	Working in a Matrix	3

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