



***THE DEFENSE OF
ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES***

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STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Why do we need rodenticides - PCO testimonials
- Actions done by CEPA
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Why do we need rodenticides ?

▣ Damage

- 50% of farm fires result from rats gnawing electric cables - in UK estimated costs of up to £28 m / year

▣ Contamination

▣ Disease

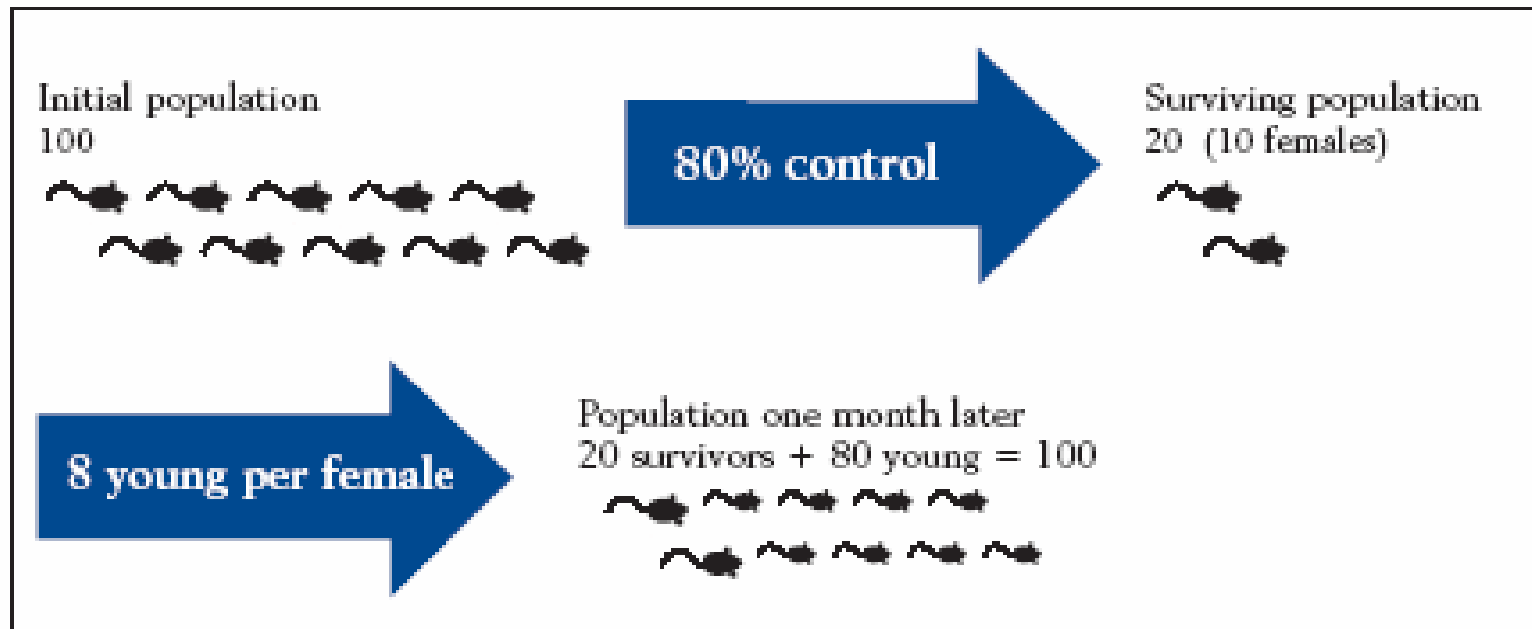
- Rats carry about 40 diseases which are transmissible to humans. For example, Schistosomiasis infects as many as 200 million people worldwide. Other diseases include plagues, Murine typhus, Salmonellosis, Leptospirosis, Trichinellosis and Rat-bite fever etc...
- 130 million people could be fed each year with the food destroyed by the world's rat population



Let's not forget the Black Death in the 1300s (>25 mio people died)



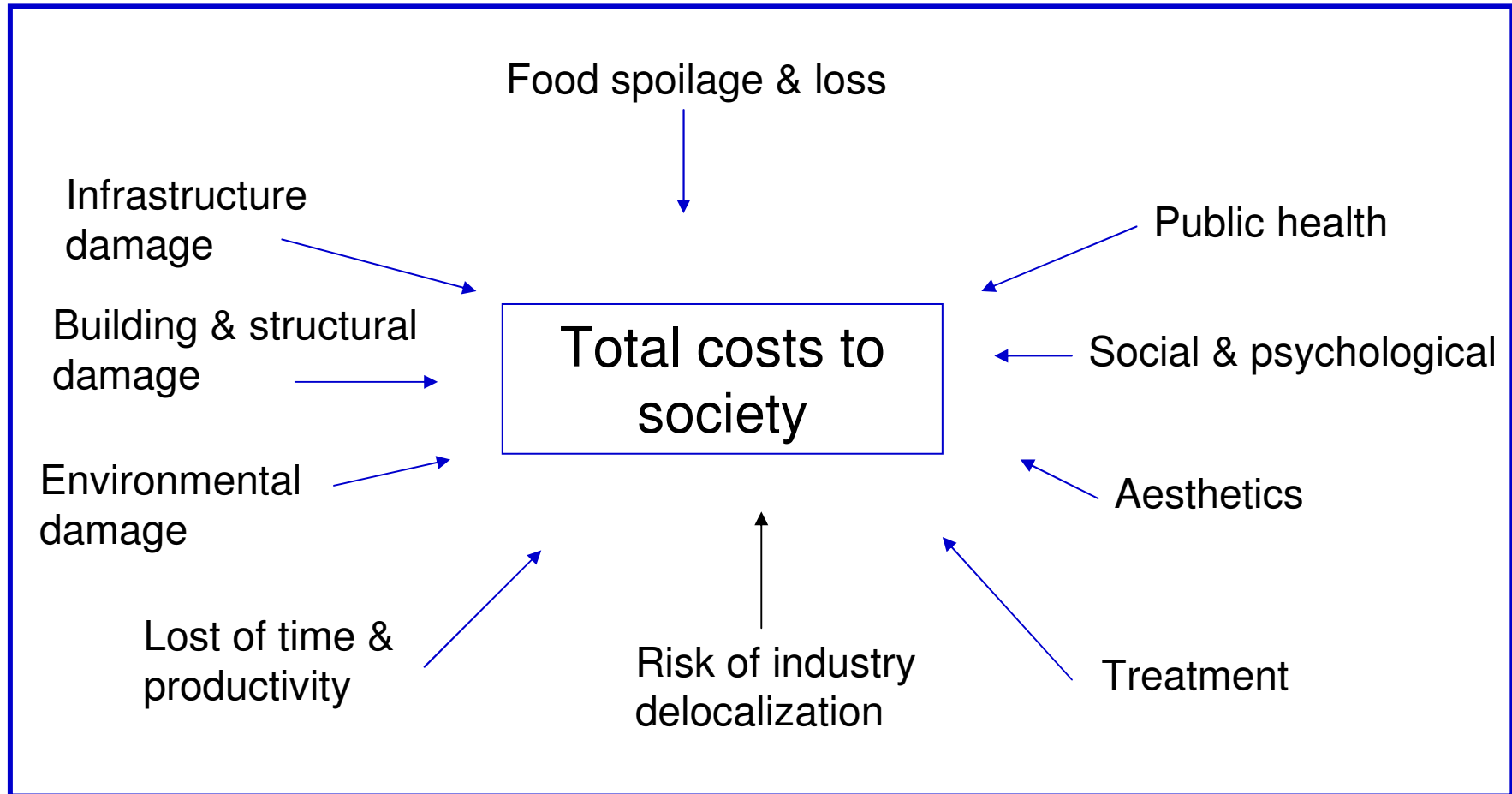
Rat Population Dynamics: Why a high level of control is required



A high level of control is required to ensure a rodent population does not quickly grow back to initial levels



Summary of European PCO testimonials





Comprehensive proposal Article 5 Our objectives Derogations

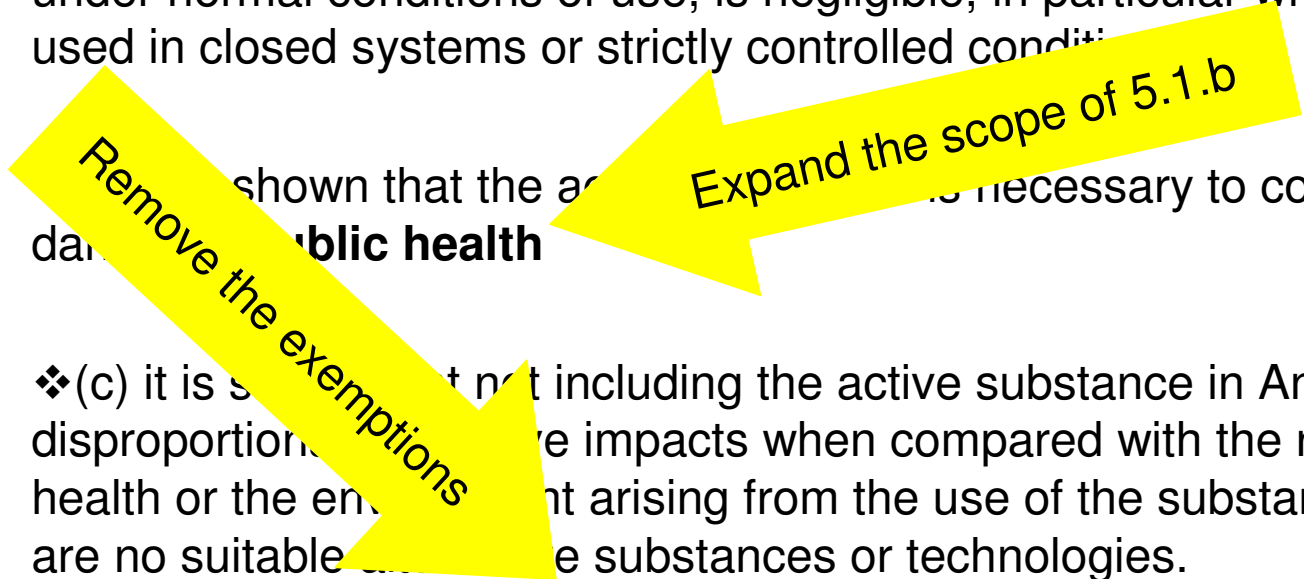
Notwithstanding Article 4(1), active substances referred to in paragraph 2 may be included in Annex I if at least one of the following conditions is met:

❖(a) the exposure of humans to that active substance in a biocidal product, under normal conditions of use, is negligible, in particular where the product is used in closed systems or strictly controlled conditions;

❖(b) it is shown that the active substance is necessary to control a serious danger to public health;

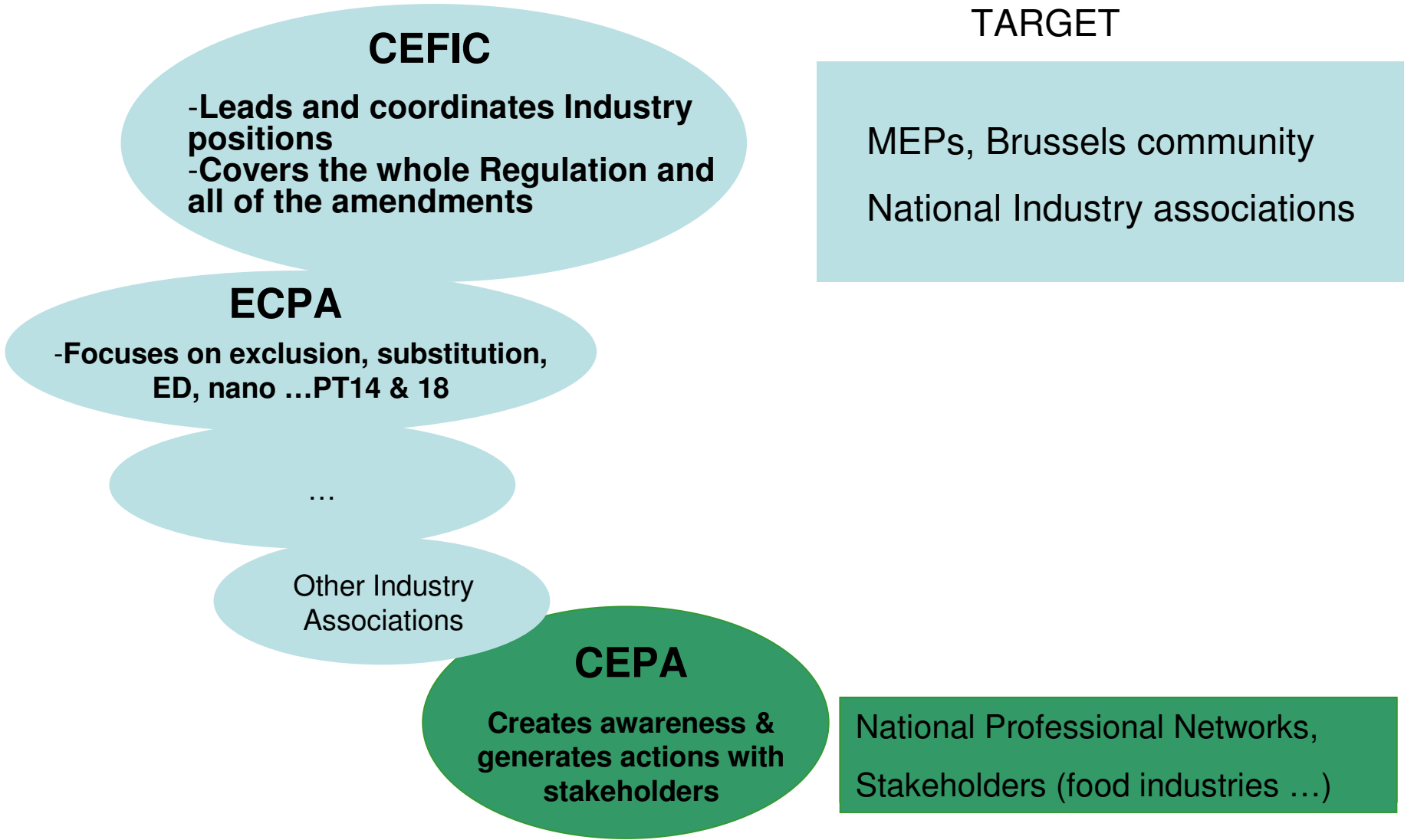
❖(c) it is shown that not including the active substance in Annex I would cause disproportionately severe impacts when compared with the risk to human health or the environment arising from the use of the substance and that there are no suitable alternative substances or technologies.

Point (c) shall not apply to active substances for product types 4 and 14 to 19 (including rodenticides)





European Network





Main actions done by CEPA

- A CEPA working group was created end of March with G. Akerblon, P. Vernié, F. Verwilgen, P. Moseley, D. Lucien
- We've worked with CEFIC (Rodenticide Working Group) to write the 1-page MEPs statement => destination MEPs
- We've produced a 3-page document for MEPs' assistant or other stakeholders
- We've been involved in ECPA ad hoc Biocides team and provided inputs helping to defend rodenticides

Current status

- The uses of rodenticides - not limited to public health reasons - are now known and understood
- The exemption to derogation 5.1.c has been deleted by IMCO and ITRE. Most MSs do not support it. Position of ENVI still to come ... possible compromise ? Vote on 22/23 of June
- Excellent lobbying made so far. Wait for the outcome of ENVI vote to decide on next steps



What else could you do, if needed ??

- Inform **professionals** and organizations as food industry, restaurants, hospitals, harbors, real estate.... associations whose existences and businesses depend on the use of rodenticides and are therefore at risk because of the proposed regulation
- Reach **the media**. Make sure the threat of losing rodenticides is communicated to specialized and general publications/newspapers. **Create awareness**
- Approach the **national institutes** and competent authorities who may not be fully aware of the proposed regulation to alert them on potential impacts and consequences it may have on local industries and economies



Conclusion

- To Maintain rodenticides on the market, to keep services at reasonable prices, to keep your customers happy, you need to remain mobilized



Thank you for your attention