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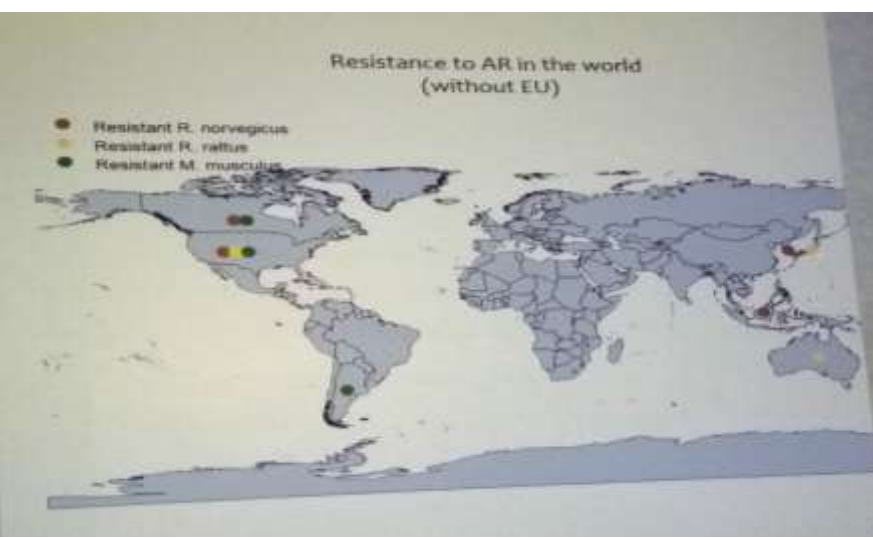
One Pest Management Audit Standard worldwide for Food Safety!



Every pest control operator performing pest management operations in the food safety sector has come across the problem that his techniques has been questioned by a food safety auditor. The moment you think that everything is in place a different auditor comes along auditing the plant on a different set of audit criteria questioning everything that you have done, extremely frustrating! The reason being that some audits look at things from a risk based point of view while others look at it from a compliance based point

management operators worldwide and the unanimous consensus of the gathering was that we needed one audit criteria for pest management that could be applied universally anywhere in the world.

The outcome of the Global Summit is that mechanisms have been created to start working groups to unify all the various audit standards and criteria and to formulate one audit standard for pest management that will form the basis for all audits in the future. Work has already



of view in other words what is happening now and not what could happen.

The international pest management industry has now decided to unify all audit criteria and a Global Summit of Pest Management Services was held in Juan-les-Pins, Cote D'Azur, France. All Food Safety audit companies like Global Food Safety Initiative(GFSI), American Institute of Bakers(AIB), British Retail Consortium(BRC) and SAI Global were represented as well as the regulators from Europe and USA.

The who's who of all the major pest management companies were represented to name just a few, Rentokill international, Ecolab international, Flick-Anticimex, Rollins-Orkin the biggest pest management company in the world with a turnover of \$20 Billion per year. All the pest management associations from countries all over the world were represented like the USA, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Henk Pottas from Pest Management Academy represented interests from Africa.

Representatives from Yum Foods, Nestle, Coca Cola, United Foods and many more were on hand to give all assembled their view on what they want and expect from a professional pest manager.

Over two days discussions it became very clear that the frustrations we feel in South Africa is being felt by all pest control/

started on this massive project so watch this space for further announcements. Together the world community of pest managers have now taken ownership of a problem that has plagued us all individually.

The second problem that was discussed relates to the qualifications of pest control operators servicing food safety premises and the general consensus was that the qualifications currently do not make provision for the challenges of food safety operations. The new audit criteria will specifically require all pest control operators in food safety environments to have a specific food safety qualification and fortunately in South Africa we are already have such a qualification in place namely the Field Pest Biologist. As this qualification takes a minimum of six months to complete enrol your



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