

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES

The attached statement is published in conformance with Protocol 3: The use of administrative sources for statistical purposes. *Code of Practice for Official Statistics 2009*.

Currently, the data used for pesticide usage monitoring is primarily obtained by Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute for Northern Ireland (AFBINI) conducting personal interviews with participating farmers and growers.

Some farms and holdings use traceability and quality assurance software within their farm management to record pesticide usage practices. This is normally limited to larger farms and holdings. However, where possible, AFBINI intend to use these records to minimise the burden on individual farms.

Otherwise, the scope for use of administrative sources is extremely limited.