

# Highways and byways!

## Anticipated Biocontrol regulatory submissions and issues experienced from the IBMA Members Regulatory Surveys

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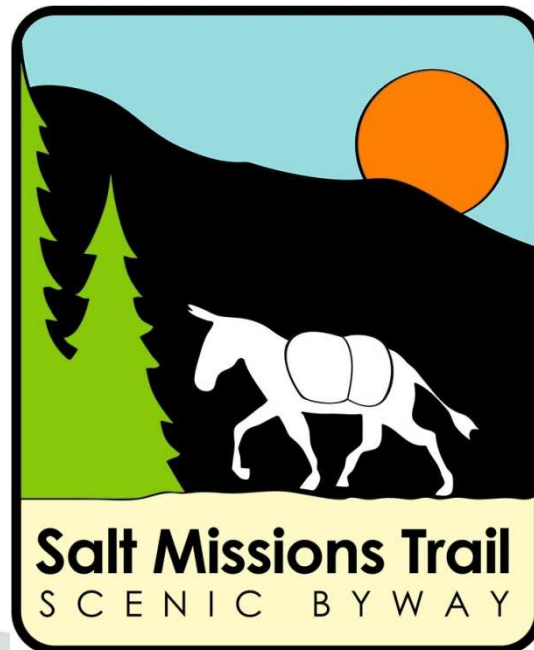
# Why highways and byways?

Is there a difference ?



-In theory?

-In practice?



# Where are the highways and byways?

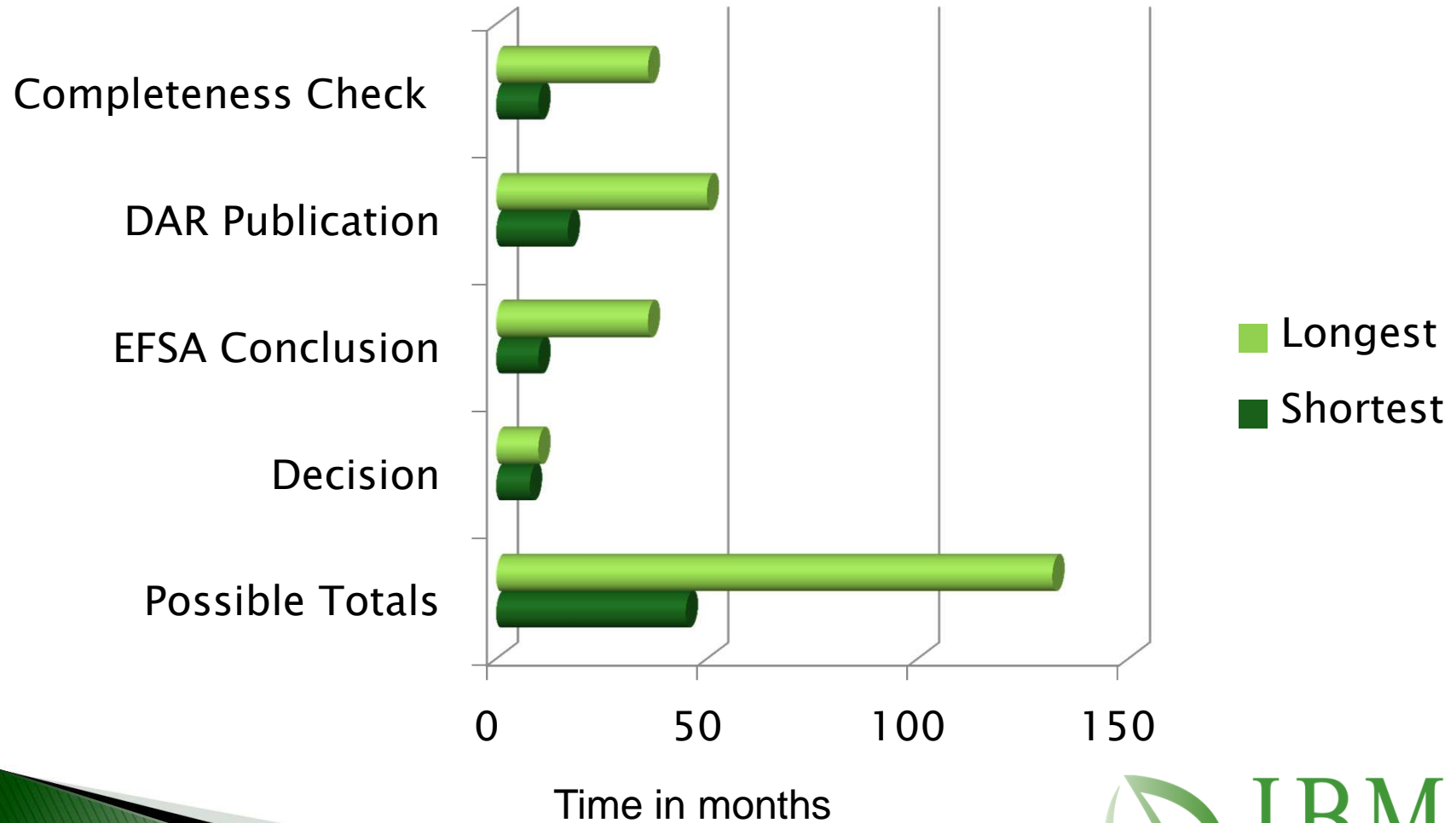
## ▶ Intended Highways

- Sustainable Use Directive
- Separate adapted information requirements
- Reg 1107/2009 Guidance Documents
- List 4 Reviews Green Track
- Reg 1107/2009 Low-risk substances

## ▶ Additional Byways

- Inappropriate requirements in regulation directed at very different substances for similar uses
- Lack of knowledge and resources at several levels
- Requirement to constantly negotiate & support exemptions / alternative treatment
- Authorities priorities set for and resources allocated to other issues
- Uncertainty for young SME dominated growth industry

# Timelines for a.s. as reported by members

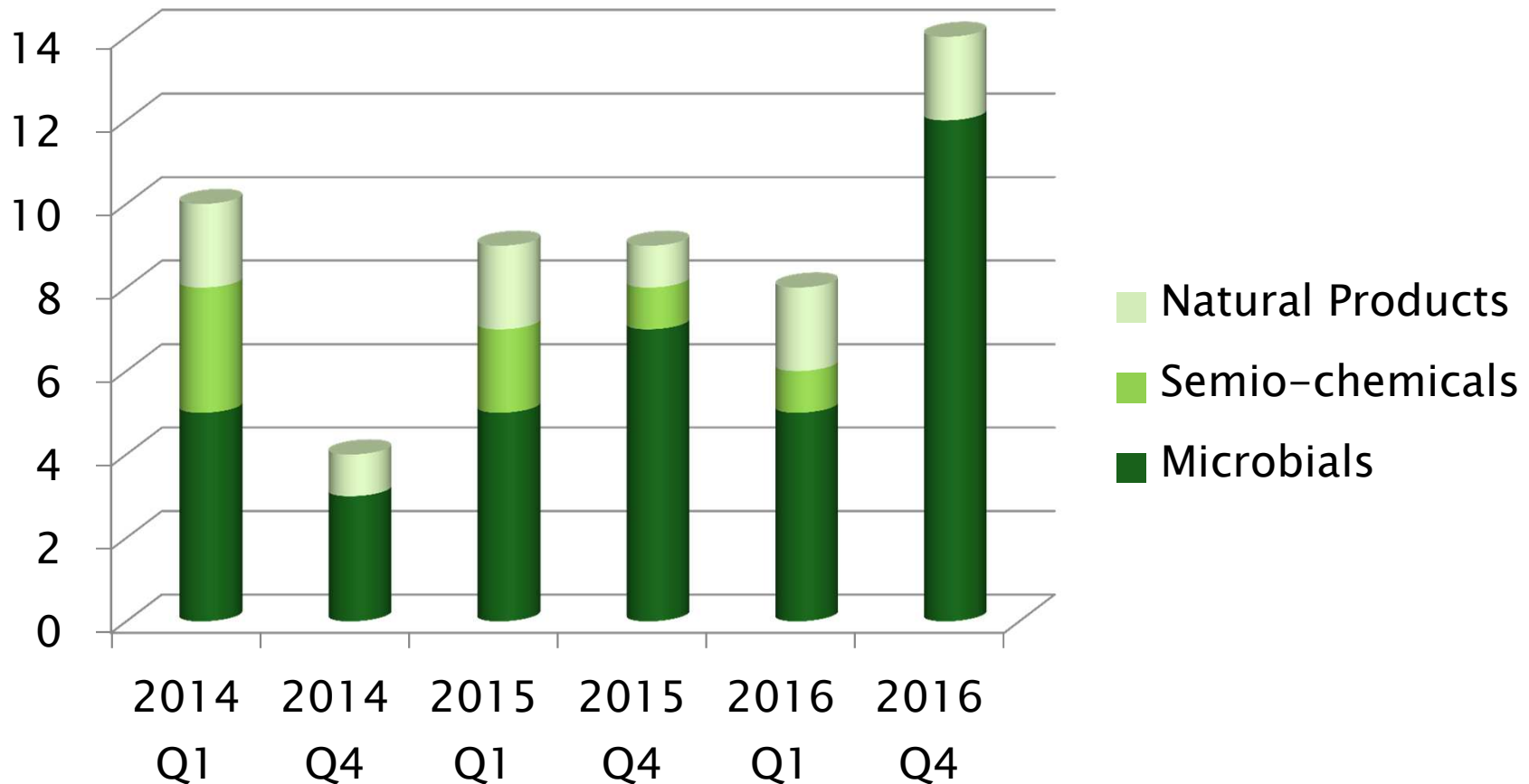


# The future priorities

- ▶ If we wish to honour the intentions of EU Parliament, Council & Commission by delivering a greater selection of biological tools to farmers we need to:
  - Provide more certainty to an SME rich industry
  - Prioritise not penalise green products
  - Add to, replace and offer choice of tools in the **farmer's** toolbox not just remove them
  - Provide more appropriate incentives for the producers of these innovative green products
  - Do not block innovation to secure knowledge

**Ensure that highways are truly highways by ensuring intentions are met and unintended consequences are avoided!**

# Anticipated submissions of biocontrol a.s. in the EU over the next 3 years



# MS Rapporteurs and what lies behind the figures

- ▶ Member States noted as rapporteurs
  - 2014 BE/ CZ/ ES/ DE/ FR/ IT/ NL/ UK
  - 2015 AT/ CZ/ ES/ DE/ FR/ NL/ UK
  - 2016 CZ/ DE/ FR/ IT/ NL/ UK
- ▶ Assumptions taken behind the figures
  - Need to be multiplied as represent a small number of members
  - Issues with Semio-chemicals
    - Delay of EFSA Conclusions and thus, Commission proposal and Standing Committee [SCFCAH] decision
    - Uncertainty of future approval need for further SCLPs
  - Delays in acceptance of dossiers by MSs
  - Resourcing issues
  - Shift in priority from EU to other regions

# Current construction of highways and avoidance of byways

- ▶ Under Reg 1107/2009 ensure that low-risk substances and products criteria and incentives are developed as a highway for biocontrol solutions to satisfy intentions under Reg 1107/2009 and the SUD
- ▶ When implementing ABS\* under CBD\*\* ensure that green growth is not stifled and SME companies overwhelmed with additional requirements by creating another byway

\* Access & Benefit Sharing

\*\* Convention on Biological Diversity





## 2 key messages from this young rapidly expanding industry?



- ▶ Innovative products need innovative regulation



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- ▶ If we share our pests then we should also share our biocontrol against these pests

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The coccinalla spp looks like Harmonia. Maybe you could use one of Johannettes pictures of the cover slide on ABS of the Monheim meeting?

Ulf Heilig; 03/12/2013

Thank you and lets ensure whilst we all work towards achieving “Greening the CAP” & “OECD Green Growth” strategies that we are not unintentionally depriving society and farmers by hampering green growth industries!

Create more highways and let’s not let them turn inadvertently into byways!