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EFSA aquatic ecotoxicology guidance incorporates a decade of scientific developments. Safeguarding consumers, animals and the environment from risks related to pesticides is a core part of the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) work. The Authority's newly revised risk assessment scheme on pesticides and aquatic organisms – so-called aquatic ecotoxicology - makes a major contribution to this goal. Dr Theo Brock, an expert member of EFSA's Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR), explains why the Authority was asked to update the risk assessment guidance and he outlines the new techniques that will help risk assessors and decision-makers protect fish, amphibians, invertebrates and aquatic plants when pesticides are authorised.

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