

Traders of toxic products

Directives 74/556-7

- Trade, distribution (including intermediaries) and activities entailing the professional use of toxic products,
- i.e. substances and preparations of toxic products and biological pesticides for use in agriculture (listed in annex)

- **Principle** : if those professionals have a recent and sufficient experience they are considered as possessing a professional knowledge equivalent to that required by the host Member State for its own nationals with a view to providing services, establishing themselves or working in this host Member State
- Recognition (automatic) of categories of experience (art 2 & 3 of Dir. 74/556) without examination of the diplomas, for access to :
 - i) trade : 2 to 5 years (art 2)
 - ii) professional use of those products: 3 to 6 years (art 3)

- Recognition (automatic) of :
- certificates of good repute (proof of no bankruptcy) (Art 7 §1-4 of Dir. 74/557) and designation of authorities to deliver certificates (art 5 of Dir. 74/557)
- proof of financial standing (art 7 § 6 of Dir. 74/557)

- Not only natural persons but also companies or firms
- No discrimination, in particular right to join professional organizations and eligibility (art 5 of Dir. 74/557)