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Plant protection products and biocides log – October 2024

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WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) notifications

EU

Maximum residue levels for thiacloprid in or on certain products (Issued: 23/10/24 Deadline: N/A)
LINK: https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-10-01&distributionDateTo=2024-10-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F763%2FAdd.1

Maximum residue levels for fosetyl, potassium phosphonates and disodium phosphonate in or on certain product (Issued: 23/10/24 Deadline: N/A)
LINK: https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-10-01&distributionDateTo=2024-10-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F698%2FAdd.1

Maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), fluopyram and flupyradifurone in or on certain products (Issued: 16/10/24 Deadline: N/A)
LINK: https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-10-01&distributionDateTo=2024-10-16&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F701%2FAdd.1

Maximum residue levels for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad in or on certain products (Issued: 09/10/24 Deadline: N/A)
LINK: https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-10-01&distributionDateTo=2024-10-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F715%2FAdd.1

UK

New GB MRLs for cyflufenamid amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued 25/10/24. Deadline: N/A)
LINK: https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2024-10-01&distributionDateTo=2024-10-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F72

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EU pesticides legislative developments

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2766 of 30 October 2024 concerning the non-approval of 1,3,7-trimethylxanthine (caffeine) as a basic substance in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2711 of 22 October 2024 amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for thiacloprid in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2640 of 9 October 2024 amending and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), fluopyram and flupyradifurone in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2633 of 8 October 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, famoxadone, flutriafol, mandipropamid and mefentrifluconazole in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2619 of 8 October 2024 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fosetyl, potassium phosphonates and disodium phosphonate in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2612 of 7 October 2024 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chitosan, clopyralid, difenoconazole, fat distillation residues, flonicamid, hydrolysed proteins, and lavandulyl senecioate in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2609 of 7 October 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad in or on certain products

C/2024/862 Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 4 October 2024. UPL Europe Ltd and Indofil Industries (Netherlands) BV v European Commission. Appeal – Plant protection products – Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2087 – Non-renewal of approval of the active substance mancozeb – Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 – Implementing Regulation (EU) No 844/2012 – Action for annulment.

EU Standing Committee (PAFF) meetings

Pesticide Legislation 2-3/10/24

The agenda can be viewed here. The minutes of the meeting are not yet available (See September 2024 log for items of potential interest)

Pesticide Residues, 23-24/09/24

The agenda can be viewed here. The minutes of the meeting are available here.

Section A Information and/or discussion

10. Metribuzin

COM informed that the non-approval of the metribuzin will be discussed at the PAFF meeting on 2-3 October 2024. COM invited MS to report if any MRLs are based on import tolerances. If the existing MRLs are based only on EU uses, the full Article 12 review might not be necessary. MS were invited to send their comments by 18 October 2024.

Section B Draft(s) presented for an opinion

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) …/… amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl, and nicotine in or on certain products (PLAN/2024/1647) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Articles 14(1)(a) and 16 Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

Vote taken: *Favourable opinion*

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) …/… amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for zoxamide in or on certain products (PLAN/2024/307) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Articles 14(1)(a) and 49(2) Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

Vote taken: *Favourable opinion*

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) …/… amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the Committee as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid in or on certain products (PLAN/2024/1403) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Article 14(1)(a) Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

COM presented the draft Regulation lowering MRLs for acetamiprid in 38 commodities. The draft Regulation is based on the conclusions in the EFSA Statement on the toxicological properties and maximum residue levels of acetamiprid and its metabolites published in May 2024. Germany and Spain both raised concerns over the new methodology used. In view of some concerns raised on the time needed to adapt to the new lower MRLs, the COM proposed to amend the draft Regulation to include a deferral of the application date of 6 months.

Vote taken: *Favourable opinion*

Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion

C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpropham, fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, s-metolachlor and triflusulfuronmethyl (PLAN/2024/1823) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Articles 14(1)(a) and 49(2) Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

COM presented the first version of a draft Regulation which intends to move fuberidazole, ipconazole, s-metolachlor and triflusulfuronmethyl to Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005; to lower the temporary MRL for chlorpropham in potatoes based in monitoring data and to lower the MRL of methoxyfenozide in aubergines/eggplants based on an Article 6 to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 application. MS were invited to send their comments by 11 October 2024.

Legislation, 23-24/09/24

The agenda can be viewed here. The minutes of the meeting are available here.

Section A Information and/or discussion

A.02 Updates, clarifications & questions on specific active substances:

1. Acetamiprid (amended report to endorse). *Discussion took place in conjunction with pesticide residues discussion (see above).*

5 MS expressed concerns about the procedure followed for the evaluation of developmental neurotoxicity properties of acetamiprid and considered that, even though EFSA had held a peer-review panel with external experts, it should also have held a peer-review meeting with MS' experts before finalising its conclusions.

3 MS cited this a reason not to support the endorsement of the amended renewal report.

1 MS also noted that if ADI and ARfD were lowered, they would not be in line with analogous values for acetamiprid under the legislation on biocides, which were set on the basis of the same data. That was cited by this MS as one of its reasons not to support the amended renewal report.

2 MS stated that both the dietary (ADI and ARfD) and non-dietary ((A)AOEL) TRVs should have been updated in the amended renewal report, but one of them could endorse it regardless.

1 MS noted that they would endorse the amended renewal report, but expressed concerns that lowering ADI and ARfD would affect reauthorisations of plant protection products under Article 43 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

9 MS stressed that a review of the acetamiprid approval under Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 due to suspected developmental neurotoxicity properties should be launched without delay.

A revised document was presented. The Committee endorsed the amended review report

EFSA opinions, reviews and other EU developments

Meetings

11th meeting of the Pesticide Steering Network – IUCLID sub-group (21 November 2024)
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/11th-meeting-pesticide-steering-network-iuclid-sub-group

Info session on "Support to urgent authorizations on Plant Health and Pesticides" project (8 November 2024), Registration: send an email to infosessionefsa2024@inia.csic.es with the following information: Name, Organization, Country, Email, Involvement with emergency authorizations. (deadline: 5/11/2024)

EFSA reports

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance bixlozone (Issued: 30/10/24)
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9054

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance penoxsulam (Issued: 29/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9055

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for picloram in animal commodities and honey (Issued: 29/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9067

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance elemental iron (Issued: 25/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9056

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance pirimicarb (Issued: 21/10/24).

LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9046

Modification of the existing maximum residue level for flonicamid in honey (Issued: 15/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9007

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance pyrimethanil (Issued: 07/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8998

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for dichlorprop-P in cereal grains (Issued: 04/10/24).
LINK: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9003

Consultations launched this month, or which were launched previously but which are still live.
Assessment Report on the active substance Candida oleophila strain O (Issued: 31/10/24. Deadline: 30/12/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002jk5Z/pc1183

Application dossier for the setting of an Import Tolerance (IT) for Dimethomorph – MRLs in Grapes (Issued: 30/10/24. Deadline: 20/11/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002kf8f/pc1190

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for Tolfenpyrad – Import Tolerance for MRLs in dried tea leaves (Issued: 28/10/24. Deadline: 18/11/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002jEiQ/pc1182

Assessment Report on the active substance Bacillus nakamurai F727 (Issued: 16/10/24. Deadline: 15/12/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002dMVl/pc1172

Review of the methodology used for the assessment of the short-term (acute) dietary exposure to pesticide residues in food (IESTI methodology), in the scientific domain Pesticides MRL will be launched on 11/10/2024. (Issued: 11/10/24. Deadline: 4/11/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002aDyT/pc1166

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for prosulfocarb in olives, in the scientific domain Pesticides MRL has just been launched. (Issued: 10/10/24. Deadline: 31/10/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002XLsX/pc1157

Acetamiprid - MRLs in plums, basil, rosemary, parsley, soybean and honey, in the scientific domain Pesticides MRL has just been launched. (Issued: 04/10/24. Deadline: 25/10/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002SElG/pc1155

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for Chlorantraniliprole - Confirmatory data following Art 12 review (Issued: 01/10/24. Deadline: 22/10/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002Pp2z/pc1154

Assessments following the clock stop on endocrine disruption properties for the active substance fenpyroximate in the context of the pesticides peer review, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) (Issued: 25/09/24. Deadline: 24/11/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002KFD3/pc1150

Assessment Report on the active substance calcium carbide (Issued: 23/09/24. Deadline: 22/11/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002J3lp/pc1147

Application for the renewal of approval of the active substance Bixafen MRL (Issued: 18/09/24. Deadline: 17/11/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002Fahx/pc1139

Assessment Report on the active substance methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzoate (Issued: 12/09/24. Deadline: 11/11/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000002CJ5l/pc1146

Application for the renewal of approval of the active substance Bacillus velezensis D747
(Issued: 10/09/24. Deadline: 09/11/24).
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk0000023Gv8/pc1118

Application for the renewal of approval of the active substance Hexythiazox (Issued: 10/09/24. Deadline: 09/11/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk0000029yv3/pc1130

Assessments following the clock stop on endocrine disruption properties for the active substance clodinafop in the context of pesticides peer review (Issued: 04/09/24. Deadline: 03/11/24)
LINK: https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk0000025Y4k/pc1122

UK pesticide/biocide issues

UK Expert Committee on pesticides (ECP)

- 14 March 2023 – Minutes
- 18 April 2023 – Minutes
- 18 July 2023 – Minutes
- 12 September 2023 – Minutes
- 21 November 2023 – Minutes
- 23 January 2024 – Minutes
- 23 July 2024 – Minutes
- 10 September 2024 – Agenda
- 26 November 2024

HSE Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD*)*

Upcoming GB active substance expiry dates
Biocidal products must be phased off the GB market

The active substance/product type combinations listed are due to expire under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR) on the following dates:
31 January 2025

- *1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2,6- difluorobenzoyl)urea (diflubenzuron) (CAS 35367-38-5 EC 252-529-3) in product type 18*
- *Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0 EC 200-001-8) in product type 2*
- *Powdered corn cob (CAS N/A EC N/A) in product type 14*
- *Thiamethoxam (CAS 153719-23-4 EC 428-650-4) in product type 18*

30 April 2025

- *4-bromo-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-ethoxymethyl-5-trifluoromethylpyrrole-3-carbonitrile (chlorfenapyr) (CAS 122453-73-0 EC 602-782-4) in product type 8*

31 October 2025

- *Lauric acid (CAS 143-07-7 EC 205-582-1) in product type 19*
- *Synthetic amorphous silicon dioxide (nano) (CAS 112926-00-8 EC 231-545-4) in product type 18*

Once the approvals expire, the active substances will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in GB.
In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in GB.

If you hold an affected GB BPR product authorisation or Control of Pesticides Regulations (COPR) product approval, we will contact you about cancelling or revoking your authorisation or approval.

You will have an opportunity to submit comments or additional information and we will take account of these when finalising our decision.

If you are aware of any disproportionate negative impacts that are likely to arise from the expiry of any of the active substance/product type combinations listed, please contact us

GB consultation: creosote as a potential candidate for substitution
Deadline: 24 November

HSE is consulting on the availability, or lack, of potential alternatives for creosote.
Under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR), if an active substance meets the exclusion criteria set out in Article 5(1), it would not normally be approved for use in biocidal products in GB. However, an active substance may still be approved in accordance with Article 5(2) if certain conditions are met.

In these circumstances the active substance may also be considered as a candidate for substitution under Article 10(1) of the GB BPR.

In accordance with Article 10(3), HSE must undertake a consultation on potential candidates for substitution which involves gathering information on the availability, or lack, of suitable and sufficient alternatives.

Creosote has been identified as fulfilling at least one of the exclusion criteria and is a candidate for substitution. A public consultation has now been launched, running until the stated date:

24 November 2024

- *Creosote (CAS 8001-58-9 EC 232-287-5) in product type 8*
  View the consultation and submit comments

It is important that interested parties (manufacturers, users of biocidal products, sectors concerned and authorities) contribute to the consultation to inform the decision-making process, in particular on the availability of suitable alternatives.

Suitable alternatives are substances or technologies that would result in reduced risks (for example: classification, properties, exposure and use pattern) and which are technically and economically feasible.

We are also interested in information relating to the lack of suitable and sufficient alternatives if you believe none are available.

Extensions to active substance approval expiry dates

HSE has extended the approval expiry dates for certain GB pesticide active substances

HSE has extended the approval expiry dates for a number of pesticide active substances, which have been supported for use in GB, and which were due to expire before 31st March 2027.

The statutory GB Pesticides Approvals register has been updated to reflect these changes. Refer to the 'Record of Changes – 2024' tab.

The decisions to extend the approval period have been taken in line with Article 17(1) of assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009.

HSE will be extending the expiry dates of affected plant protection product authorisations, where appropriate. We will contact authorisation holders in due course; starting with those with the earliest expiry dates.

Contact us

If you have any questions relating to this ebulletin, please contact us.

Amendment to the approval restrictions of the active substance fenpyrazamine

HSE has reviewed the approval of fenpyrazamine in light of new scientific information

Following a review of its approval as an active substance for use in PPPs in GB, HSE has decided that fenpyrazamine continues to meet the approval criteria set out in assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009 (the Regulation), but amendments are required in relation to the specification of the technical material.

HSE's review indicated that the current approval for fenpyrazamine in GB was based on the original reference source for the substance, which set a lower minimum purity but did not set a limit for the relevant impurity, hydrazine.

Following assessment of further information in relation to the specification of the technical material as commercially manufactured, HSE has concluded that it is necessary to increase the minimum purity stipulated in the GB approval of the active substance to ≥960g/kg, and set a new limit for the relevant impurity, hydrazine at max 1 mg/kg (0.0001% w/w). At the limit of 1 mg/kg hydrazine is of no toxicological concern.

Defra and the Devolved Governments have given consent for HSE to carry out the decision-making function arising from this review.

The approval conditions of fenpyrazamine have now been updated in the GB approvals register on the HSE website.

No grace period is required as existing products already comply with the new standard and should continue in line with current expiry dates.

New EU active substance approval decisions

Apply for product authorisation by the deadline to keep your products on the NI market

Following evaluation under the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (EU BPR), a decision has been taken to approve the following active substance/product type combinations. This will affect NI:

- *2-methyl-4-oxo-3-(prop-2-ynyl)cyclopent-2-en-1-yl 2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (prallethrin) (CAS 23031-36-9 EC 245-387-9) in product type 18*
- *Silver zinc zeolite (CAS 130328-20-0 EC N/A) in product types 2, 7 and 9*

Action for biocidal product suppliers

If you supply biocidal products containing these active substances in the relevant product types, you must apply for EU BPR product authorisation by ***1 March 2026*** *to keep them on the NI market. New products must not be supplied in NI until product authorisation is granted.*

Action for active substance suppliers

If you supply these active substances for use in biocidal products of the relevant product types, you may need to apply for technical equivalence. If you haven't demonstrated technical equivalence for your manufacturing source, EU BPR product authorisation cannot be granted for biocidal products containing your active substance.

New EU active substance non-renewal decision

Biocidal products must be phased off the NI market

Following evaluation under the EU BPR, a decision has been taken not to renew the following active substance approval. This affects NI:

- *Sulfuryl fluoride (CAS 2699-79-8 EC 220-281-5) in product types 8 and 18*

Along with the non-renewal, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2401 repeals the previous decision on the postponement of the expiry date for sulfuryl fluoride.

If you hold an affected EU BPR product authorisation or Control of Pesticides Regulations (COPR) product approval, we will contact you about cancelling or revoking your authorisation or approval. You will have an opportunity to submit comments or additional information and we will take account of these when finalising our decision.

If you are aware of any disproportionate negative impacts that are likely to arise from the non-renewal of any of the active substance/product type combinations listed above, please contact us.

Upcoming EU active substance dossier submission deadline

Take action to keep your active substance in the EU Review Programme

The active substance/product type combination listed below has been successfully notified into the EU Review Programme following an open invitation.

The next step is for a full active substance dossier to be submitted to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) by the following deadline. This affects NI:

16 April 2026

- *Hydrogen peroxide (CAS 7722-84-1 EC 231-765-0) in product type 11*

Only the person, company or task force/consortium that successfully notified the active substance/product type combination listed above can submit a dossier.

If this active substance/product type combination is important to you, consider contacting the notifier to let them know. You may even be able to join them in supporting the active substance.
Check the ECHA list of notifications

If a dossier is not submitted by the deadline, this active substance/product type combination will be subject to an EU non-approval decision. This means the active substance will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product type in NI.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in NI. HSE will provide separate updates on these where relevant.

Amendment to the approval restrictions of the active substance prosulfuron

Decision on approval of prosulfuron
Applications for the amendment to the approval of active substances in GB are regulated under assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009.

Applicant:
Syngenta Crop Protection AG

Substance:
Prosulfuron – a herbicidal active substance for the control of a range of broadleaf and grass weeds in maize and sweet corn.

HSE's conclusion on prosulfuron was published on 30 August 2024 and concluded that the restriction 'use should be limited to one application every 3 years on the same field at a maximum dose of 20g active substance per hectare' can be removed from the approval.

View the published conclusion: Active substance amendments table

HSE referred its conclusion and intended decision to GB competent authorities, as required under the Agency Agreements between HSE, Defra and the individual devolved governments.

Decision:
Prosulfuron can remain approved as a candidate for substitution in GB, for use in plant protection products, without the requirement for the restriction above.

The approval conditions of prosulfuron have now been updated in the GB Pesticides Approvals Register.

Plant protection products containing prosulfuron can be authorised in GB, in accordance with the requirements of assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009.

Upcoming dossier submission deadlines

Take action to keep your active substance in the GB Review Programme
The active substance/product type combinations listed below have been successfully notified into the GB Review Programme following open invitations. The next step is for a full active substance dossier to be submitted to HSE by the following deadlines:

5 January 2025

- *N-didecyl-N-dipolyethoxyammonium borate / didecylpolyoxethylammonium (polymeric betaine) (CAS 214710-34-6 EC N/A) in product type 8*

17 April 2025

- *Active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis (CAS 7782-50-5 EC N/A) in product types 2, 3, 4, 5 and 11*

Only the person, company or task force/consortium that successfully notified the active substance/product type combinations listed above can submit a dossier.

If any of these active substance/product type combinations are important to you, consider contacting the notifier to let them know. You may even be able to join them in supporting the active substance.
Check the list of successful notifiers

If a dossier is not submitted by the deadline, these active substance/product type combinations will be subject to a GB non-approval decision. This means the active substances will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in GB.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in GB. HSE will provide separate updates on these where relevant

Upcoming renewal submission deadline

Apply for active substance renewal by the deadline to keep products on the GB market

Under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR), active substance approvals will expire unless a renewal application is submitted at least 550 days before their expiry date.

The 550-day deadline is coming up for the following active substance/product type combinations under GB BPR:

29 April 2025

- *Polyhexamethylene biguanide hydrochloride with a mean number-average molecular weight (Mn) of 1415 and a mean polydispersity (PDI) of 4.7 (PHMB (1415;4.7)) (CAS 1802181-67-4 / 32289-58-0 EC N/A) in product types 2 and 4*

Any person, company or task force/consortium can support an active substance/product type combination for renewal – it doesn't have to be the original supporter.

Check the GB Article 95 List to see who the original supporters were
If these active substance/product type combinations are important to you, consider contacting your supplier to let them know.

If a renewal application is not submitted for the above active substance/product type combinations under GB BPR, the approval will expire. This means the active substance will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in GB.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in GB.

Update: Biocide products in PT 1 – mycobacteria claims

MHRA have confirmed that claims against mycobacteria are considered in scope of medicines regulations

Article 2 of the Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR), sets out the scope of biocides regulations, including where products are considered out of scope because they are covered by other relevant regulations. For example, it is generally the case that medicines regulations will apply where products make claims to be effective against "specifically named pathogens".

In the UK the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) determine which products, claims and uses are in scope of medicines regulations.

MHRA have recently confirmed that product type (PT) 1 products (applied directly to humans) will be in scope of medicines regulations where they make claims against mycobacteria.

The BPR defines PT 1 as: disinfectants – human hygiene – products in this group are biocidal products used for human hygiene purposes, applied on or in contact with human skin or scalps for the primary purpose of disinfecting the skin or scalp.

Typically, products in this product type are hygienic hand rubs, hand sanitisers and hand washes.

This means applications for BPR product authorisation for the GB and NI markets which make claims against mycobacteria cannot be accepted for PT 1 uses (disinfectants used directly on humans).

Please note HSE has no involvement in Union authorisations granted by the EU Commission as a mechanism to place products on the NI market.

This change does not affect applications for product authorisation in other use areas (PTs 2, 3, 4 and 5) where claims against mycobacteria can continue to be submitted.

HSE is unable to advise on medicines regulations. If you wish to discuss this change or are unsure if this applies to your BPR product, contact the MHRA using their advice form.

We are aware that the existing efficacy guidance contains reference to mycobacteria claims in PT 1. We aim to update this guidance to reflect this change as soon as possible.

EU public consultation: 2,2-dibromo-2-cyanoacetamide (DBNPA)
The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is consulting on potential candidates for substitution and on derogation conditions

The EU Biocidal Products Regulation 528/2012 (EU BPR) applies in NI.

If an active substance meets the exclusion criteria set out in Article 5 (1), it would not normally be approved for use in biocidal products. 2,2-dibromo-2-cyanoacetamide (DBNPA) has been identified as fulfilling at least one of the criteria set out in the Article 5 (1) exclusion criteria under EU BPR.
Where an active substance meets at least one of the exclusion criteria listed in Article 5 (1), it may still be approved in accordance with Article 5 (2) if one of the following conditions are met:

- *the risk to humans, animals or the environment from exposure to the active substance in a biocidal product, under realistic conditions of use, is negligible*
- *the active substance is essential to prevent a serious danger to human or animal health or the environment*
- *not approving the substance would have a disproportionate negative impact on society compared to the risks*

In these circumstances the active substance will also be considered as a candidate for substitution under Article 10 (1) of the EU BPR.
Before submitting its opinion on the approval or renewal of the active substance to the Commission, ECHA will launch a consultation to collect information on potential alternatives to this substance (Article 10 (3) of EU BPR).

The following active substance has been identified as a potential candidate for substitution under EU BPR and ECHA has launched a public consultation running until the stated date:

- *2,2-dibromo-2-cyanoacetamide (DBNPA) (CAS 233-539-7 EC 10222-01-2) in product type 12* ***17 November 2024***

Comments should be submitted to ECHA using the dedicated webforms.
Please note this consultation and its outcome are not applicable under the GB Biocidal Products Regulations (GB BPR).

Upcoming EU active substance renewal submission deadlines
Apply for active substance renewal by the deadlines to keep products on the NI market
Under the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (EU BPR), active substance approvals will expire unless a renewal application is submitted to ECHA at least 550 days before their expiry date.

The 550-day deadlines are coming up for the following active substance/product type combinations under EU BPR. This affects NI: ***27 December 2024***

- *[1α(S*),3α]-(α)-cyano-(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl 3-(2,2-dichloroethenyl)-2.2-dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate (alpha-cypermethrin) (CAS 67375-30-8 EC 614-054-3) in product type 18*
- *Bacillus sphaericus 2362, strain ABTS-1743 (CAS 143447-72-7 EC N/A) in product type 18*
- *Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. israelensis, strain SA3A (CAS N/A EC N/A) in product type 18*
- *Propan-2-ol (CAS 67-63-0 EC 200-661-7) in product types 1, 2 and 4*

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- *(E)-1-(2-chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-ylmethyl)-3- methyl-2-nitroguanidine (clothianidin) (CAS 210880-92-5 EC 433-460-1) in product type 18*
- *2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (MIT) (CAS 2682-20-4 EC 220-239-6) in product type 13*
- *Glutaral (glutaraldehyde) (CAS 111-30-8 EC 203-856-5) in product types 2, 3, 4, 6, 11 and 12*
- *N-(trichloromethylthio)phthalimide (folpet) (CAS 133-07-3 EC 205-088-6) in product types 7 and 9*

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- *Peracetic acid (CAS 79-21-0 EC 201-186-8) in product types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6*

Any person, company or task force/consortium can support an active substance/product type combination for renewal – it doesn't have to be the original supporter.
Check the EU Article 95 List to see who the original supporters were

If any of these active substance/product type combinations are important to you, consider contacting your supplier to let them know.

If a renewal application is not submitted for the above active substance/product type combinations under EU BPR, the approvals will expire. This means the active substances will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in NI.

In addition, articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in NI.

GB public survey: use of biocidal chemicals when handling the deceased
HSE is seeking feedback from users of chemicals regulated under product type 22 (PT22)

HSE is the regulatory authority for biocidal products under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR). PT22 of the GB BPR covers 'embalming and taxidermist fluids - products used for the disinfection and preservation of human or animal corpses, or parts thereof'.

Understanding how biocides are used in different areas of society assists HSE to make timely decisions and set priorities. Following feedback from the sector, HSE would like to find out more information from professionals and businesses working in the embalming sector and other similar practices such as preserving tissue samples for research and/or teaching purposes.

In particular, we would like feedback on the types of chemicals and products that are most widely used and their availability. The insight provided by the survey will allow HSE to continue to develop policies which consider the industries that they relate to.

If your work involves using chemicals such as embalming fluids and disinfectants when handling the deceased, and/or body parts and tissue samples, please complete our survey:
Survey on the use of chemicals when handling the deceased

*This survey is running until **8 December 2024**.*

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Upcoming GB active substance expiry dates
Biocidal products must be phased off the GB market
*The active substance/product type combinations listed are due to expire under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR) on the following date: **31 December 2025***

- *Copper flakes (coated with aliphatic acids) (CAS 7440-50-8 EC 231-159-6) in product type 21*
- *Dichloro-N-[(dimethylamino)sulphonyl] fluoro-N-(ptolyl)methanesulphenamide (tolylfluanid) (CAS 731-27-1 EC 211-986-9) in product type 21*
- *N-(Dichlorofluoromethylthio)-N',N'-dimethyl-N-phenylsulfamide (dichlofluanid) (CAS 1085-98-9 EC 214-118-7) in product type 21*
- *N-(trichloromethylthio)phthalimide (folpet) (CAS 133-07-3 EC 205-088-6) in product type 6*
- *Zinc ethylenebis(dithiocarbamate) (polymeric) (zineb) (CAS 12122-67-7 EC 235-180-1) in product type 21*

Once the approvals expire, the active substances will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in GB.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in GB.

If you hold an affected GB BPR product authorisation or Control of Pesticides Regulations (COPR) product approval, we will contact you about cancelling or revoking your authorisation or approval.

You will have an opportunity to submit comments or additional information and we will take account of these when finalising our decision.

If you are aware of any disproportionate negative impacts that are likely to arise from the expiry of any of the active substance/product type combinations listed, please contact us.

Upcoming GB active substance dossier submission deadlines
Take action to keep your active substance in the GB Review Programme

The active substance/product type combinations listed have been successfully notified into the GB Review Programme following open invitations. The next step is for a full active substance dossier to be submitted to HSE by the following deadlines: ***21 March 2025***

- *(Benzylyoxy)methanol (CAS 14548-60-8 EC 238-588-8) in product type 6*

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- *Monolinuron (CAS 1746-81-2 EC 217-129-5) in product type 2*

Only the person, company or task force/consortium that successfully notified the active substance/product type combinations listed can submit a dossier.

If any of these active substance/product type combinations are important to you, consider contacting the notifier to let them know. You may even be able to join them in supporting the active substance. Check the list of successful notifiers

If a dossier is not submitted by the deadline, these active substance/product type combinations will be subject to a GB non-approval decision. This means the active substances will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in GB.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in GB. HSE will provide separate updates on these where relevant.

Upcoming EU active substance open invitation deadlines
Submit a notification by the deadline to keep active substances in the EU Review Programme

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published an open invitation to provide an opportunity for a person, company or task force/consortium to notify an intention to take up or take over the role of participant in the EU Review Programme for the following active substance/product type combinations. This affects NI.

Anyone wishing to support one of the active substance/product type combinations listed in the EU will need to submit a notification to ECHA by the following deadline: ***21 December 2024***

- *Pyrithione zinc (zinc pyrithione) (CAS 13463-41-7 EC 236-671-3) in product types 2 and 10*

If a notification to take over the role of participant is not received, these active substance/product type combinations will be subject to an EU non-approval decision. This means the active substance will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in NI.

In addition articles treated with such products will no longer be able to be placed on the market in NI. HSE will provide separate updates on these where relevant.

If you are aware of any disproportionate negative impacts that are likely to arise from the non-approval of any of the active substance/product type combinations listed, please contact us.

Upcoming EU active substance dossier submission deadline
Take action to keep your active substance in the EU Review Programme

The active substance/product type combinations listed have been successfully notified into the EU Review Programme following an open invitation.

The next step is for a full active substance dossier to be submitted to ECHA by the following deadline. This affects NI: ***6 March 2026***

- *Hydrogen peroxide (CAS 7722-84-1 EC 231-765-0) in product types 11 and 12*

Only the person, company or task force/consortium that successfully notified the active substance/product type combinations listed can submit a dossier. If any of these active substance/product type combinations are important to you, consider contacting the notifier to let them know. You may even be able to join them in supporting the active substance.
Check the ECHA list of notifications

If a dossier is not submitted by the deadline, these active substance/product type combinations will be subject to an EU non-approval decision. This means the active substance will no longer be able to be used in biocidal products of the relevant product types in NI.

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LINKS
GB Pesticides Approvals Register
LINK: https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances/register.htm
Active substance renewals
LINK: https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances-renewals.htm
New active substances
LINK: https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances-new.htm
Pesticides news
LINK: https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/news/index.htm

Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF)
The next meeting of the PRiF will be held on 16 October 2024.

29 January 2025
16 October 2024
24 January 2024 (agenda)
18 October 2023 (minutes)
19 July 2023 (minutes)
24 May 2023 (minutes)
25 January 2023 (minutes)

Pesticide residues in food monitoring results
July 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food - (Issued 25/09/24)
June 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food - (Issued 25/09/24)

PRiF: annual report for 2023 –(Issued 25/09/24)
May 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food
April 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food
March 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food
January and February 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food
Pesticide residues in food quarterly data sets: Q3 2023- (Issued 25/09/24)
Pesticide residues in food quarterly data sets: Q4 2023 - (Issued 25/09/24)

FERA
Pesticide Usage Surveys release dates (see here.)
2021 Edible protected crops in the UK (28 February 2023)
2021 Grassland & Fodder crops in the UK (31 January 2023)
2022 Arable crops in the UK (21 November 2023)
2022 Soft Fruit in the UK (14 December 2023)
2022 Orchard crops in the UK (11 January 2024)
2022 Potato Storage in the UK (29 January 2024)

Scotland (SASA) Pesticide Usage Survey Reports
LINK: https://www.sasa.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticide-usage/pesticide-usage-survey-reports
Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Rodenticide Use on Grassland & Fodder Farms 2021 (22 February 2023)
Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Rodenticide Use on Grassland & Fodder Farms 2021 (February 2023, Biennial).
Soft Fruit Crops 2022 (13 December 2023, Biennial)
Arable crops and Potato stores 2022 (13 December 2023, Biennial)
Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Rodenticides on Arable Farms 2022 (7 March 2024, Biennial)
Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Outdoor Vegetable Crops 2023 (Expected October 2024, Biennial)

Northern Ireland (AFBI) Pesticide Usage Survey Reports
Soft Fruit Crops 2022
Top Fruit Crops 2022
Arable crops 2022

CABI bio-control and biopesticide database
Biocontrol and biopesticide products in the UK – BioProtection Portal

GB Potato Plant Protection Products and Biocides Issues Risk Matrix (October 2024)

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Moderate Impact **Cost** **Material availability** **Working practice**		Glyphosate (H) [GB 15/12/25]	Flutolanil (ST) [GB 28/02/29] Azoxystrobin (F) [GB 31/12/29] Imazalil (ST) [GB 31/12/29] Ferric phosphate (M) [GB 31/12/30] Flonicamid (I) [GB 31/08/31] Thiabendazole* (ST) [GB 31/03/32]
Small Impact **Cost** **Materials** **Change**		Esfenvalerate (I) [GB 31/12/25] Fluopicolide (F) [GB 31/05/26] Benthiavalicarb (F) [GB 31/07/27] Dimethomorph (F) [GB 31/07/27] Flufenacet (H) [GB 31/10/27]	Difenoconazole* (F) [GB 31/12/28] Fluazinam* (F) [GB 29/02/29] Rimsulfuron (H) [GB 30/04/29] Propamocarb (F) [GB 31/07/29] Prosulfocarb (H) [GB 31/10/29]

NB: All GB authorisations that were still in place as of 01/01/2021 were automatically extended for a 3-year period. A further extension was granted for some actives as of 12/04/2023

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Moderate Impact **Cost** **Material availability** **Working practice**	Azoxystrobin (F) [EU expiry 31/12/24] Imazalil (ST) [EU expiry 31/12/24] Flutolanil (ST) [EU expiry 15/06/25]	Plant oils/clove oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26] Plant oils/spear mint oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26] Ethylene (GR) [EU expiry 30/11/26] Flonicamid (I) [EU expiry 30/11/26]	Ferric phosphate (M) [EU expiry 31/12/30] Thiabendazole* (ST) [EU expiry 31/03/32] Glyphosate (H) [EU Expiry 15/12/33]
Small Impact **Cost** **Materials** **Change**	Benthiavalicarb (F) [EU authorisation expiry 13/06/24. Grace period 13/12/24] Dimethomorph (F) [EU expiry 15/02/25] Propamocarb (F) [EU expiry 15/06/25] Flufenacet (H) [EU expiry 15/06/25]	Difenoconazole* (F) [EU expiry 15/03/26] Fluazinam* (F) [EU expiry 15/04/26] Esfenvalerate (I) [EU expiry 31/05/26] Fluopicolide (F) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Prosulfocarb (H) [EU expiry 31/01/27]	Rimsulfuron (H) [EU expiry 15/08/28]

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Secondary Actives List: Actives which may become important if there are loses from priority list

Secondary List of Actives	EU Authorisation Expiry Date	GB Authorisation Expiry Date	MRL mg/kg
Acetamiprid (I)	28/02/2033	28/02/2033	0.01* (Limit of Determination)
Boscalid (F)	15/04/2026	31/07/2029	2.0
Clomazone (H)	15/06/2025	31/10/2029	0.01* (Limit of Determination)
Fludioxonil (F)	15/06/2025	31/10/2028	5.0
Pyraclostrobin (F) (with boscalid)	Pyraclostrobin 15/09/2025	Pyraclostrobin 31/10/2029	Pyraclostrobin - 0.02* (Limit of Determination)
	Boscalid 15/04/2026	Boscalid 31/07/2029	Boscalid - 2.0
Pyraflufen-ethyl (H)	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	0.02 * (Limit of Determination)
Cycloxydim (H)	31/08/2026	31/05/2031	3.0
Aclonifen (H)	31/10/2026	31/07/2027	0.02 * (Limit of Determination)
Ametoctradin (F)	31/12/2025	31/07/2026	0.05
Amisulbrom (F)	30/09/2024	30/09/2029	0.01
Bentazone (H)	31/05/2025	31/05/2031	0.2
Cyazofamid (F)	31/07/2036	31/07/2029	0.01
Fluxapyroxad (F)	31/05/2025	31/05/2031	0.1

Metobromuron (H)	31/12/2024	31/12/24	0.01* (Limit of determination, possibility this may be raised to 0.03 following EFSA review)
Oxathiapiprolin (F)	03/03/2027	03/03/2032	0.1
Pendimethalin (H)	15/01/2027	30/11/2028	0.05* (Limit Of Determination)
Propaquizafop (H)	28/02/2027	30/11/2029	0.1
Quizalofop-P-tefuryl (H)	28/02/2027	30/11/2028	0.1
Zoxamide (F)	31/06/2033	31/06/2033	0.02* (Limit of Determination)

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