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**Plant protection products and biocides log – December 2024**

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Actives and issues of particular interest to the sector are **highlighted**.

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**WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) notifications**

- EU**  
Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpropham, fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, S-metolachlor and triflusulfuron in or on certain products (Issued: 16/09/24. Deadline: 14/02/25).  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F802>
- Draft Commission Regulation 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 dimoxystrobin, ethephon and propamocarb in or on certain products  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F801>
- A new GB MRL for propamocarb amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 17/12/24. Deadline: N/A).  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F76>
- New GB MRLs for sulfoxaflor amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 05/12/24. Deadline: N/A).  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F74>
- A new GB MRL for fenazaquin amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 05/12/24. Deadline: N/A).  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F75>

New GB MRLs for isoflucypram amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 02/12/24. Deadline: N/A).  
LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2024-12-01&distributionDateTo=2024-12-17&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F73>

## EU pesticides legislative developments

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/3196 of 18 December 2024 amending Annex I to Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards radish leaves](#)

## EU Standing Committee (PAFF) meetings

### Pesticide Legislation 4-5/12/24

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). Items of potential interest:

#### **Section A Information and/or discussion**

**A.04** Exchange of views on EFSA conclusions/EFSA scientific reports:

- Renewal of approval  
8. Fludioxonil

**A.05** Draft Review/Renewal Reports for discussion:

- New active substances / Amendment of conditions of approval  
3. 1-methylcyclopropene
- Renewal of approval  
5. Pelargonic acid

#### **Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion**

**C.08** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the **non-renewal of the approval of the active substance flutolanil** 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, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011

### Pesticide Residues 25-26/11/24

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#). Items of potential interest:

#### **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, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, dichlorprop-P, flonicamid, flupyradifurone, methyl nonyl ketone, plant oils/citronella oil, potassium sorbate and potassium phosphonate, in or on certain products (PLAN/2024/2411)

*The MRL application for flonicamid is for honey, some MS were concerned by the identification of the critical GAP and the use of monitoring data. It was considered too premature to vote on this active substance. In consequence, a new revision (revision 5) without flonicamid was prepared and presented for vote.*

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion

## **Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion**

**C.03** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for **chlorpropham**, fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, s-metolachlor and triflurosulfuronmethyl

*COM presented rev. 1 of the draft Reg. and the modifications made following comments from MS, the EU Reference Laboratories (EURLs) and EFSA after the last meeting of this Committee on 23-24 September 2024.*

*COM invited MS to consider the most appropriate limits of quantification (LOQs) for some food commodities in view of the feedback from the EURLs on the current analytical capacity. MS were invited to send their comments by 6 December 2024.*

**C.04** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for benfluralin, **benthiavalicarb** and penflufen

*Concerning benthiavalicarb, the EURLs advised to change the residue definition for enforcement to Benthiavalicarbisopropyl (sum of benthiavalicarb-isopropyl (KIF 230 R-L) and its RS enantiomer (KIF 230-S-D)). MS were invited to send their comments by 6 December 2024.*

**C.07** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for **acetamiprid**

*COM presented the draft Regulation proposing to implement those MRLs that were confirmed as safe by EFSA in its 2024 Statement, considering the lower ADI and ARfD and the new residue definition for risk assessment for fruits and leafy crops, namely: plums, linseeds, poppy seeds, mustard seeds, gold of pleasure seeds, and honey. In addition, the draft Regulation implements the CXL for soyabean (0.01 mg/kg) adopted by the CAC in 2024 and supported by the EU. MS were invited to send their comments by 6 December 2024.*

**C.08** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for cyantraniliprole, cyflumetofen, deltamethrin, mepiquat and **oxathiapiprolin** in or on certain products

*This proposal is implementing the CXLs that were supported by the EU at the 2024 CCPR meeting. Concerning cyantraniliprole, a MS proposed the extrapolation of the CXLs for the subgroups of beans and peas to the EU group of pulses. This extrapolation allows to maintain the reservation for the CXL on soybean, which, contrary to the Codex classification, does not belong to the EU group of pulses. MS were invited to send their comments by 6 December*

**C.10** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for **difenoconazole**

*The draft Regulation is based on the EFSA review under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA noted in their review data gaps that need to be confirmed by confirmatory data for which the Commission explained the proposed footnotes to be included in the Regulation. MS were invited to send their comments by 16 December 2024.*

## **Pesticide Legislation 2-3/10/24**

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

## **Section A Information and/or discussion**

**A.04** Exchange of views on EFSA conclusions/EFSA scientific reports:

- New active substances / Amendment of conditions of approval

## 1. 1-methylcyclopropene

COM presented the EFSA Conclusions and the applicant's comments. 1-MCP is a gas currently used as a growth regulator only in post-harvest settings and closed environments. The applicant has been seeking approval for its use in pre-harvest applications as well.

The (eco)toxicity of the parent compound does not raise major concerns, except for groundwater exposure limits being exceeded in two out of nine scenarios. According to the applicant, EFSA's assessment is overly conservative regarding both the parent compound (a gas) and one of its metabolites, methallyl alcohol.

The applicant argues that this metabolite is present at levels below the 5% trigger value. They also believe that the DT50 values (up to 1,000 days) assigned to the parent compound and the metabolite are overly conservative, as studies on the parent compound showed a DT50 of just one hour, and the metabolite is known to degrade rapidly through mineralization processes.

Moreover, the applicant claims that methallyl alcohol should be excluded from the risk assessment as a metabolite of no concern, in line with the criteria in the guidance document SANCO221/2000rev.111, based on its chemical structure.

This guidance defines a metabolite of no concern if it is an organic compound with an aliphatic structure, consisting only of C, H, N, or O atoms, with no 'alerting structures' such as epoxides, nitrosamines, nitriles, or other functional groups of known toxicological concern.

COM is inclined to propose approval of the new conditions. No comments were made during the meeting. MS were invited to comment by 21 October 2024.

- Renewal of approval

## 6. Flufenacet

COM presented the EFSA Conclusion of flufenacet and explained that a critical area of concern and several serious issues that could not be finalised had been identified. Those would most likely preclude the renewal of the active substance.

The applicant had submitted its comments where it challenged the Conclusions. EFSA, the Rapporteur and the Co-Rapporteur MS had been invited to reply to them.

COM confirmed that it intends to finalise the regulatory decision making before the current approval of the active substance expires on 15 June 2025. MS were invited to comment, in particular on whether flufenacet could be renewed as an active substance or not, by 21 October 2024.

### A.05 Draft Review/Renewal Reports for discussion:

- New active substances / Amendment of conditions of approval

## 2. Clove oil

COM informed that EFSA identified several critical areas of concern during the peer review of the risk assessment to change the approval conditions for the active substance clove oil. In addition, the procedure for renewal of approval of this substance is currently ongoing but the representative uses for the renewal of approval do not include preharvest uses in greenhouses. MS were invited to comment on the best way forward regarding the amendment of the approval conditions by 4 November 2024.

- Renewal of approval

## 9. Flutolanil

COM presented EFSA's Conclusions. While EFSA did not identify any critical areas of concern for flutolanil, COM highlighted significant risks associated with the representative use on tulips and irises. COM also emphasized that flutolanil is a PFAS and that its metabolite, trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), has been detected in succeeding crops.

Due to the presence of TFA as a metabolite in succeeding crops, the lack of data on the (geno)toxicity of other metabolites, and the incomplete information on the metabolic behaviour of flutolanil residues in poultry, EFSA deemed the available data insufficient to complete the consumer risk assessment for its use on potatoes.

In view of this situation, COM indicated that there are concerns about the safety of flutolanil for consumers, operators, and workers in the context of its use on seed potatoes, as well as for non-target species in tulip and iris cultivation.

Therefore, it indicates that a non-renewal of approval of flutolanil seems indicated. There were no requests for the floor during the meeting. COM invited MS to comment by 21 October 2024.

### A.06 Confirmatory Information:

#### 1. Difenoconazole

COM informed that the outcome of the peer review related to the isomeric composition and conversion of difenoconazole, as mandated by the COM, showed that concerns were not identified. Furthermore, the Article 12 review of the MRL was finalised on 29 August 2024. Since the risk assessment deadline for the renewal is set by the end of 2024, MS were invited to send their views by 21 October 2024 on the possibility to consider the confirmatory data superseded by the on-going renewal procedure.

### A.10 Updates, clarifications & questions on specific active substances:

#### 8. Acetamiprid

COM had previously endorsed the amended Renewal Report for acetamiprid which included an updated residue definition for risk assessment and updated ADI and ARfD values. The endorsement was done in conjuncture with the vote on the draft Commission Regulation adjusting of MRL values for 38 commodities which resulted in qualified majority support for the proposal.

COM also informed that it would launch a review the approval of acetamiprid under the provision of Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009. This review will evaluate the developmental neurotoxicity and endocrine disruption properties of the active substance. The first step will be to submit a letter to the approval holder with a request to provide a list of studies on the above properties that it could submit and a timeline for that submission.

### Section B Draft(s) presented for an opinion

**B.04** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance metribuzin, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 (Draft Renewal Report PLAN/2024/1249 RR) (PLAN/2024/1249)

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion. The following protocol declaration was made by the Netherlands: The Netherlands are in favor of the proposal for the non-renewal of the substance, but we would prefer a shorter grace period (3+6 months instead of 6+12 months).

## **Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion**

**C.04** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 to update the list of active substances approved or deemed to have been approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (PLAN/2024/2004)

*COM summarised the comments received from nine MS States on the previous draft which were mainly on the implementation of the digital label, the bee pictogram, the transitional measures, and the wording use for some of the phrases that communicate risk mitigation measures.*

*COM explained that a public consultation via feedback mechanism will be launched soon.*

**C.05** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 to update the list of candidates for substitution (PLAN/2024/2005)

*COM presented the draft Implementing Regulation which intended to update the list of candidates for substitution by deleting from the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 2015/408, those active substances that were no longer approved or whose approval would expire in near future. MS were invited to comment by 21 October 2024*

## **EFSA opinions, reviews and other EU developments**

### **Meetings**

Webinar: Draft guidance on the characterisation and risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain  
LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/webinar-draft-guidance-characterisation-and-risk-assessment-microorganisms-used-food-chain>

### **EFSA reports**

Overall conclusions on the application for approval of Quassia amara L. wood as a basic substance to be used in plant protection as an insecticide and repellent in pome fruit, stone fruit, hop and ornamentals (Issued: 18/12/24).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9161>

Setting of residue definitions and toxicological reference values for ethiprole (Issued: 18/12/24).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9129>

Conceptual basis for the development of guidance for the use of biomarkers of effect in regulatory risk assessment of chemicals (Issued: 17/12/24).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9153>

Recommended DNT Reference Chemical Test Set For In Vitro Assay Development\* (Issued: 17/12/24).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9175>

Setting of import tolerances for azoxystrobin in melons and watermelons (Issued: 17/12/24).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9130>

Call for data to submit data covering residue and toxicological data gaps for glufosinate (Issued: 10/12/24. Deadline: 10/04/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/call/call-data-submit-data-covering-residue-and-toxicological-data-gaps-glufosinate>

Update of a database of toxicological effects of pesticides in view of performing cumulative risk assessments. Part 1: Catalogue of toxicity endpoints and data model for the collection of toxicity endpoints. (Issued: 09/12/24.).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9137>

Setting of import tolerances for hexythiazox in blackberries and raspberries (Issued: 02/12/24)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9117>

**Consultations launched this month, or which were launched previously but which are still live.**

Assessments following the clock stop on endocrine disruption properties for the active substance Cymoxanil in the context of pesticides peer review, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) (Issued: 20/12/24. Deadline: 08/01/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003GI5h/pc1261>

Application dossier for the setting of a maximum residue level (MRL) for Flupyradifurone - in strawberries and other commodities. (Issued: 18/12/24. Deadline: 08/01/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003DT5h/pc1248>

Assessment Report on the active substance Bflubutamid, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) has just been launched. (Issued: 16/12/24. Deadline: 14/02/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/a0ITk000003CpjN>.

Draft scientific opinion on updated consumer risk assessment of fluoride in food and drinking water including the contribution from other sources of exposure (Issued: 11/12/24. Deadline: 09/02/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003BiZ/pc1241>

Assessment Report on the active substance Helicoverpa armigera nucleopolyhedrovirus (HearNPV) (Issued: 10/12/2024. Deadline: 08/02/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk0000038OOP/pc1235>

Assessment Report on the active substance Trichoderma atroviride strain I-1237 (Issued: 29/11/2024. Deadline: 28/01/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk0000033tiz/pc1218>

Draft scientific report on specific effects on the reproductive function including fertility relevant for assessment of pesticide residues (Issued: 25/11/2024. Deadline: 20/01/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000002zoDF/pc1210>

Assessment Report on the active substance mecoprop-P, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (NAS) (Issued: 15/11/2024. Deadline: 14/01/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/a0ITk000002uka5>

## 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)

#### ***Expiry of sodium silver thiosulphate in GB***

***The approval of sodium silver thiosulphate was not supported for GB renewal and has now expired as a pesticide active substance***

*The statutory [approvals register](#) has been updated to reflect this change.*

*There are products authorised in GB containing sodium silver thiosulphate, which will expire with grace periods for the sale, distribution, storage, disposal and use of existing stocks.*

*Details of authorised products and their grace periods, 6 months for sale and distribution, and 12 months for disposal, storage and use of existing stocks, have been updated on [the pesticides register](#).*

*The expiry of the approval of sodium silver thiosulphate has no immediate impact on the GB maximum residue levels (GB MRLs) which will remain in force unless HSE decides to take specific regulatory action. No such action is currently planned, but GB MRLs will be reviewed and this will be based on the priority of protecting UK consumers.*

*For more information on MRLs, visit the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#) on the HSE website.*

#### ***CRD training and events***

##### ***January to February 2025***

*Find out more and register for these fee paid training events, focusing on the regulation of plant protection and biocidal products in Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland (NI):*

- [Surface water exposure via drainflow under plant protection products regimes in GB and NI](#)  
*Live online training event*  
*14 January 2025*
- [Dermal absorption under plant protection and biocidal products regimes in GB](#)  
*Live online workshop*  
*22 and 23 January 2025*
- [Efficacy requirements and assessment under plant protection products regimes in GB and NI](#)  
*Live online training event*  
*29, 30 and 31 January 2025*

- [Chemistry data requirements under the biocides regime in GB](#)  
Live online workshop  
4 and 5 February 2025
- [Efficacy requirements for disinfectant products under the biocides regime in GB](#)  
Live online workshop  
11 and 12 February 2025

**We are also currently seeking expressions of interest in the following events:**

- *Ecotoxicology higher tier risk assessment under plant protection products regimes in GB and NI*  
Live online workshop  
11, 12 and 13 March 2025

To register your interest, receive further information or to suggest an event please [complete this form](#).

### **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**

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

#### **23 March 2025**

- 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 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:

#### **30 June 2025**

- 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-(1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)pentan-3-ol (tebuconazole) (CAS 107534-96-3 EC 403-640-2) in product types 7 and 10
- 2-bromo-ethanoic acid (bromoacetic acid) (CAS 79-08-3 EC 201-175-8) in product type 4
- Benzoic acid (CAS 65-85-0 EC 200-618-2) in product types 3 and 4

#### **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-(p-tolyl)methanesulphenamide (tolylfluand) (CAS 731-27-1 EC 211-986-9) in product type 21

- *N*-(dichlorofluoromethylthio)-*N*',*N*'-dimethyl-*N*-phenylsulfamide (dichlofluanid) (CAS 133-07-3 EC 205-088-6) in product type 21
- *N*-(trichloromethylthio)phthalimide (folpet) (CAS 133-07-3 EC 205-088-6) in product type 6

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](#).**

**EU public consultation: potential candidate for substitution**

**The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is consulting on the availability of substitutes and alternatives to 3-iodo-2-propynylbutylcarbamate**

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

If an active substance meets the substitution criteria set out in Article 10(1), it will be considered as a candidate for substitution.

This means that the supply and use of biocidal products containing candidates for substitution must be prohibited or restricted under EU BPR, unless all the following conditions can be shown:

- for the uses specified for that product, there are no other authorised biocidal products or existing non-chemical control or prevention methods that:
  - present a significantly lower overall risk for human health, animal health and the environment
  - are sufficiently effective
  - present no other significant economic or practical disadvantages
- the chemical diversity of the available active substances is not adequate to minimise the occurrence of resistance in the target harmful organism

The following active substance has been identified as a potential candidate for substitution under EU BPR and ECHA has launched a [public consultation](#) to collect information on the availability of substitutes and alternatives, running until the stated date:

- 3-iodo-2-propynylbutylcarbamate (CAS 55406-53-6 EC 259-627-5) in product type 10  
**20 January 2025**

Comments should be submitted to ECHA using the dedicated webforms.

This consultation and its outcome is not applicable under the GB Biocidal Products Regulations.

**Arrangements for PPP Sift during Christmas to New Year period 2024 to 2025**

**HSE will continue to receive electronic applications over the Christmas to New Year holiday period**

*In line with arrangements used in previous years for the Applications Sift for PPPs, HSE will use the same arrangements over the Christmas to New Year holiday period for 2024 to 2025.*

*Normal sift closure dates will be applied as detailed below. Applications accepted for further evaluation following these sifts will be given acceptance and target dates according to relevant sift date as shown.*

*#Please be aware letters notifying applicants of acceptance or rejection of their applications from sift of 17 December will be sent prior to Christmas. Those from sifts of 24 and 31 December will not be sent until after completion of the sift of 8 January 2025.*

- Sift of 17 December 2024. Sift closure date Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 6.00pm. Applications accepted following this sift will have a target date calculated from 17 December 2024*
- Sift of 24 December 2024. Sift closure date Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 6.00pm. Applications accepted following this sift will have a target date calculated from 24 December 2024*
- Sift of 31 December 2024. Sift closure date Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 6.00pm. Applications accepted at this sift will have a target date calculated from 31 December 2024*
- Sift of 8 January 2025. Sift closure date Tuesday 31 December 2024 at 6.00pm. Applications accepted at this sift will have a target date calculated from 8 January 2025*

*Applications to be submitted via email to [PPPApplications@hse.gov.uk](mailto:PPPApplications@hse.gov.uk).*

*HSE cannot accept application submissions made via USB sticks and CD's. Applications that are too large to be sent by email should be submitted via ShareFile. Any requests for upload links to ShareFile should be sent to [PPPApplications@hse.gov.uk](mailto:PPPApplications@hse.gov.uk).*

### **Active substance renewal supported in GB**

#### **Biocidal products can continue to be supplied in GB**

*The active substance/product type combination listed below has been supported for renewal under the GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR):*

- Zinc ethylenebis(dithiocarbamate) (polymeric) (zineb) (CAS 12122-67-7 EC 235-180-1) in product type 21*

*Biocidal products containing this active substance in the relevant product type can continue to be supplied and used in GB while the renewal evaluation is ongoing.*

### **GB active substance expiry date postponed until 2027**

#### **This applies to biocidal active substance/product type combinations which expire between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2026**

*The active substance/product type combinations are able to be postponed providing a renewal application has been submitted and accepted.*

*HSE provided information about the decision to postpone expiry dates in [a previous ebulletin](#).*

*The requirements have now been met for the following active substance/product type combination:*

- Zinc ethylenebis(dithiocarbamate) (polymeric) (zineb) (CAS 12122-67-7 EC 235-180-1) in product type 21*

**Postponed from 31 December 2025 to 31 January 2027**

*If you want to supply new biocidal products containing this active substance, you can still [apply for GB BPR product authorisation](#). New products (including new trade names) must not be supplied in GB until product authorisation is granted.*

HSE will provide a separate update on the renewal decision and future expiry date postponements captured within this overall decision when relevant.

### **Amendment to the approval conditions of the active substance flonicamid**

#### **Conclusion and decision on the approval of flonicamid**

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

**Applicant:** ISK Biosciences Europe N.V.

**Substance:** Flonicamid – an insecticidal active substance for the control of aphids in potatoes, wheat, apples, pears and peaches.

HSE's conclusion on flonicamid was published on 11 October 2024 and concluded that the active substance is expected to meet the approval criteria with the proposed amended Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) value in place.

The risk assessment which underpins the conclusion has been subject to public consultation. View the published conclusion linked in the [active substance amendments spreadsheet](#) on the HSE website.

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:** Flonicamid can remain approved in GB, for use in plant protection products with an amended ARfD.

The approval conditions of flonicamid have now been updated in the [GB Pesticides Approvals Register](#). Plant protection products containing flonicamid can be authorised in GB, in accordance with the requirements of assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009.

#### **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 29 January 2025.

29 January 2025

16 October 2024

[17 July 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

[22 May 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

[24 January 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

[18 October 2023 \(minutes\)](#)

[19 July 2023 \(minutes\)](#)

[24 May 2023 \(minutes\)](#)

[25 January 2023 \(minutes\)](#)

## **Pesticide residues in food monitoring results**

[Pesticide residues in food: quarterly monitoring results for 2024 \(Issued 10/12/24\)](#)

[Quarter 1 2024 Methodology, background and references \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[Quarter 1 2024 data set \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[September 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting: ODS, Dataset: Pesticides Residues in Food \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[August 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting: ODS, Dataset: Pesticides Residues in Food \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[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)

[2023 Outdoor vegetable crops in the UK](#) (05 November 2024)

[2023 Edible protected crops in the UK](#) (12 November 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](#)

## **BCPC Update**

### **New products and approvals December 2024**

Note that the following amendments to UKPG will be automatically included in the next edition of the book which is due out January 2025 but they are immediately available in the on-line UKPG database.

### **New Approvals:**

- Bayer has amended the expiry date of *Valdor Solo* (M19567, flazasulfuron) from 9/9/2099 to 30/4/2026 but a new approval for this product has also been issued with a new MAPP No (M21057) under the approval holder name of 2022 Environmental Science FR SAS with an expiry date of 9/9/2099.
- Bayer also have a new fungicide mixture in isoflucypram + prothioconazole (*Ipresso*, M21113) which is approved for application to wheat, barley, oats, rye, spelt and triticale in GB only.
- Bayer has been busy. They have a new herbicide mixture for use in winter wheat and winter barley containing aclonifen, diflufenican and flufenacet – *Challenge Plus* (M21008). The dose rate in winter barley is 1.0 l/ha while in winter wheat it is 1.85 l/ha and this is reflected in different aquatic buffer zone requirements for barley (6m) and wheat (12m).
- BASF continue to develop mefentrifluconazole with a novel mixture approved for use in cereals as *Revypro* (mefentrifluconazole + prothioconazole, M21061).
- BASF have also re-registered *Lybro 200* (pyraclostrobin, M21083) but the new approval lacks use on grain and forage maize like the original product (M19553) whose approval has been reduced from 15/3/2028 to 30/4/2026. The same is true of *Retengo* (M19551 & M 21084) and their other pyraclostrobin formulations – e.g. *Flyer*, *Flyer 200*.
- Corteva have a new mixture of actives for weed control in grassland and amenity grass. *Pro-Grass* (M21097) contains fluroxypyr + halauxifen-methyl + triclopyr and can be applied once per year in GB only.
- Corteva also have a new mixture for weed control in winter wheat, rye, triticale and spelt. *Manhattan* (M21091) contains florasulam, halauxifen-methyl and pyroxsulam. It is currently listed as PAR but when intention to market is confirmed and a label text becomes available it will be updated to a full entry.
- Corteva have also duplicated their *Leystar* product for GB only (M21140, clopyralid + florasulam + fluroxypyr) with no apparent change to the expiry date or approved crops list.
- A new supplier from China, Shandong Weifang Rainbow Chemical Co, has approval for a folpet product (*Afupet*, M21048) that mimics *Arizona* from Adama and it is listed as PAR in the database. They also have a trinexapac product (*Brokpac*, M21016) that is approved for use in GB only and this is also listed as PAR.
- Adama now have a mixture of fluxapyroxad + prothioconazole called *Avastel* (M21096) for disease control in wheat, barley, rye and triticale in GB only.
- Life Scientific have duplicated their *Laya* metsulfuron product with a new name and MAPP No – *Bezel*, M21112 and it is now listed as PAR.
- Life Scientific have also duplicated their *Esker* product (prothioconazole + tebuconazole) under a new name (*Perch*, M21063) which is approved until 31/7/2029 and *Osaro Pro* (125 g/l prothioconazole + 125 g/l tebuconazole) as *Hercule* (M21077) which is approved until 15/2/2028. They have also duplicated their boscalid product (*Boscler*) under a new name and MAPP No – *Billet* (M21075).
- Sharda have a new metconazole product (M21095, *Misha*) which mimics other metconazole products and is listed as PAR.
- Syngenta have expanded their cereal fungicide portfolio with a novel mixture – cyprodinil + prothioconazole – *Kayak Era* (M21114) which is added to UKPG as PAR until a label text is available.
- Environmental Science has duplicated their fosetyl-aluminium product currently approved for GB use only (*Signature A Xtra Stressgard*, M21003) with an identical name but approved for use in Northern Ireland (M21103).
- UPL Europe now has an approval for folpet in the name *Folder Flex* (M21007) which is approved until 31/1/2032.

### **EAMUs added:**

- No new EAMUs have been added this month to avoid upsetting the page breaks of the 2025 edition of the book as it is prepared for printing. Once the print version is confirmed, any EAMUs issued recently will be added to the database and will appear in the on-line UKPG.

**Changes to approval expiry dates:** CRD have extended the approvals of a number of products and actives, most of which are detailed below.

- The approval of *Frupica SC* (M12067, mepanipyrim) has been extended until 31/10/2031 in GB only but has been reduced to 20/5/2025 in Northern Ireland.
- *Serenade ASO* (M16139, *Bacillus subtilis*) is due to expire 24/7/2026 but has now been extended in GB only until 31/10/2031 under a new MAPP No – 21020.
- The approval of *Djembe* (M18323, M19223 & M19342, bromuconazole + tebuconazole) has been extended to 15/2/2029.
- The approval of *BAS 500 06* (M12338, pyraclostrobin) has been reduced to 31/5/2026 but it has been duplicated under a new MAPP No (M21087) which is approved until 15/3/2028.
- The approval of *Sakura* and *Soleil* (bromuconazole + tebuconazole, M18327, M19224 , M16869 & M19222) has been extended to 15/2/2029.
- The approval of *Oxe* from *Albaugh* (M19796, azoxystrobin) has been extended to 30/6/2027.
- The approval of *Caryx* (mepiquat chloride + metconazole) has been reduced to 15/9/2027.

**Withdrawals:**

- *Frupica SC* (M12067, mepanipyrim) now expires 20/5/2025 in Northern Ireland but continues in GB until 31/10/2031.

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

Level of risk, imminent, medium-term to longer-term



Decreasing impact on business

Risk Analysis	PPP authorisation expires or related issues to be reviewed in the next 12 months (Before end December 2025) [Actions in hand] Dynamic situation	PPP authorisation in 12-36 months out (January 2025 – December 2027) Future Issue [Plans in preparation]	>36 months (after end December 2027) before PPP comes up for reauthorisation
Big Company Impact Cost Reputation Media	Mancozeb* (F) [GB expiry of authorisation 31/05/24. Sale and supply 30/11/24. Storage, disposal and use 30/11/25]. Criteria for defining EDs Candidates for substitution	Lambda-cyhalothrin* (I) [GB expiry 31/03/26]	Metribuzin* (H) [GB 31/07/28] Cymoxanil (F) [GB 31/08/29] Fosthiazate (N) [GB expiry 31/10/29] 1,4-DMN (GR) [GB 30/06/31] Mandipropamid* (F) [GB 31/07/31] Maleic Hydrazide (GR) [GB 31/10/32] Carfentrazone-ethyl (H) [GB 31/07/33] Spearmint oil (GR) [GB 31/08/31]
Moderate Impact Cost Material availability Working practice		Glyphosate (H) [GB 15/12/25]	Flutolanil (ST) [GB 28/02/29] Azoxyastrobin (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

Current issue      Changed priority      Identified as a potential high profile media issue      \*Potential Endocrine disruptor

H – Herbicide, F – Fungicide, GR- Growth Regulator, I – Insecticide, ST – Seed Treatment, N – Nematicide, D – Desiccant, M – Molluscicides

**EU Potato Plant Protection Products and Biocides Issues Risk Matrix (December 2024)**

Decreasing impact on business	Level of risk, imminent, medium-term to longer-term →			
	<b>Risk Analysis</b>	PPP authorisation expires or related issues to be reviewed in the next 12 months (Before end December 2025) [Actions in hand] Dynamic situation	PPP authorisation in 12-36 months out (January 2025 – December 2027) Future Issue [Plans in preparation]	>36 months (after end December 2027) before PPP comes up for reauthorisation
	<b>Big Company Impact</b> <b>Cost</b> <b>Reputation</b> <b>Media</b>	Criteria for defining EDs Candidates for substitution Metribuzin* (H) [EU authorisation expiry 31/10/24. Sale and supply 24/05/25. Grace period 24/12/25]	Lambda-cyhalothrin* (I) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Metaldehyde (M) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Cymoxanil (F) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Fosthiazate (N) [EU expiry 31/01/27] Mandipropamid* (F) [EU expiry 31/12/25]	Maleic Hydrazide (GR) [EU expiry 31/10/32] Carfentrazone-ethyl (H) [EU expiry 31/07/33]
	<b>Moderate Impact</b> <b>Cost</b> <b>Material availability</b> <b>Working practice</b>	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] Imazalil (ST) [EU expiry 31/05/27] Azoxystrobin (F) [EU expiry 31/05/27]	Ferric phosphate (M) [EU expiry 31/12/30] Thiabendazole* (ST) [EU expiry 31/03/32] Glyphosate (H) [EU Expiry 15/12/33]
<b>Small Impact</b> <b>Cost</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>Change</b>	Benthiavalicarb (F) [EU authorisation expiry 13/12/23. Sale and supply 13/06/24. Grace period 13/12/24] Dimethomorph (F) [EU authorisation expiry 20/05/24. Sale and supply 20/11/24. Grace period 20/05/25] 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)	15/09/2025	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)	31/05/2027	31/12/2029	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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