Ban on some co-formulants in pesticides

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Draft Commission Regulation adding fourteen co-formulants which are not accepted for inclusion in plant protection products [download]

Draft Annex [download]

What is changing and why?

Co-formulants are used in pesticides to make them easier to handle and apply. The European Commission has identified 14 co-formulants that are a risk for human/animal health and/or the environment, and proposes to ban their use in pesticides. It also proposes to ban the use of these co-formulants in adjuvants (substances that are mixed with pesticides to improve their effectiveness). See the Full record for the list of co-formulants affected.

Actions

Feedback via the EU's Have Your Say consultation closed on 17 October 2025.

Timeline

The European Commission plans to adopt this Regulation in the first quarter of 2026. EU Member States will have to withdraw or amend authorisations of pesticides and adjuvants containing the banned co-formulants within 2 years.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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