Benthiavalicarb: approval not renewed by EU

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2657 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance benthiavalicarb

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has decided not to renew approval of the active substance benthiavalicarb. This is due to concerns about potential adverse effects on human health. EU Member States will have to withdraw authorisations for products containing benthiavalicarb. A reduction in benthiavalicarb maximum residue levels (MRLs) to the limit of determination (LOD) is expected in 2025, with possible impacts on exporters of grapes and tomatoes.

Actions

Suppliers of grapes and tomatoes currently using benthiavalicarb should review current agricultural practices and start to seek alternative solutions in anticipation of changes to EU MRLs.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **11 December 2023**.

EU producers will be permitted to use stocks of products containing benthiavalicarb until **13 December 2024**.

A revision of benthiavalicarb MRLs is expected in 2025.

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