Clofentezine: approval not renewed by EU

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Commission Implementing Regulation 2023/2456 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance clofentezine

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has published its decision not to renew approval of the active substance clofentezine. This is due to concerns about adverse effects on human health, and high long-term environmental risks to birds and wild mammals.

A reduction in clofentezine maximum residue levels (MRLs) to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods) is expected in 2025. There are potential impacts on exporters of fruit to the EU.

Actions

Suppliers of fruit currently using clofentezine should review current agricultural practices and start to look for alternative solutions in anticipation of changes to the EU MRLs.

Timeline

This Regulation will enter into force on **11 November 2023**.

EU producers will be permitted to use stocks of products containing clofentezine until 11 November 2024.

A revision of clofentezine MRLs is expected in 2025.

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