Ipconazole: withdrawal of approval

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What is changing and why?

The European Commission has withdrawn its approval for the active substance ipconazole. European farmers will no longer be able to use pesticides containing this substance. The decision follows the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)'s finding that ipconazole has unacceptable effects on the environment, including birds. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) also concluded that the substance is a risk to farmers, even when using personal protective equipment.

The EU maximum residue level (MRL) for ipconazole will be reduced to the limit of determination (LOD – the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods), or to a default level of 0.01 mg/kg.

Actions

Suppliers of agri-food products who currently use ipconazole on crops for export to the EU should review their current good agricultural practices (GAP) and start to look for alternative solutions.

Timeline

The EU has stopped authorising products containing ipconazole since 31 August 2023. A reduction of ipconazole MRLs is expected in 2024.

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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