Latest pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions 2024

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Latest EU pesticide approval: Allium fistulosum as basic substance

Commission Implementing Regulations 2014/2878; 2024/2198; 2024/2186; 2024/1892; 2024/1749; 2024/1718; 2024/1206; 2024/324; 2024/2781

Update

The most recent EU pesticide approval is for the basic substance *Allium fistulosum*. This report summarises new and renewed approvals so far in 2024. It also lists extensions of EU approval in 2024 (Table 1), and changes in conditions of use.

What is changing?

Approvals and renewals

The EU has recently approved the basic substance *Allium fistulosum*.

Previously in 2024, the EU renewed the approval of captan, folpet, and trinexapac; renewed the approval of metconazole as a candidate for substitution; and approved magnesium hydroxide E528 as a basic substance.

Extensions and amendments

So far in 2024, the EU has extended approval of the substances listed in Table 1.

In addition, the EU has amended the conditions of approval of the active substance metalaxyl-M, which is now restricted to use as a treatment for seeds intended to be sown in greenhouses.

Timeline

A comprehensive list of active substances, their legal status, and expiry dates can be found in the European Commission's Active substances, safeners and synergists database.

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Recommended Actions

Suppliers to the EU market should monitor developments in EU approvals when considering longer-term strategies on agricultural practices that are in conformity with EU rules.

Background

Approvals

A plant protection product or pesticide contains one or several active substances. Active substances must meet the established approval criteria (Regulation 1107/2009, Art. 4), which include no harmful effects on human health or the environment.

Depending on their characteristics, some active substances can be approved as low-risk substances that fulfil certain criteria [Regulation 1107/2009, Annex II(5)]. Low-risk substances are approved for 15 years instead of the standard 10 years, and enjoy more favourable data protection (13 years). Authorisation procedures are generally also shorter.

Approval renewals

The Commission has established a series of work programmes to manage the renewal process. The current (fifth) work programme covers substances with approval expiring between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2024. Each substance is allocated to an EU Member State for evaluation.

If no application is received for extension of approval, the initial expiry date will remain.

Extension of approvals

If an application for renewal cannot be fully evaluated before the expiry date, the approval can be extended to allow the evaluation to be completed.

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- Renewal of approval
- Approval of active substances

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Table 1
Extensions of approval 2024

Active substance	Expiry date extended to:	Active substance	Expiry date extended to:
Regulation (EU) 2024/324		Regulation (EU) 2024/1206 (*continued*)	
Benzovindiflupyr	2 Aug 2026	Prosulfuron	15 Jun 2026
Bromuconazole	30 Apr 2027	Quinmerac	31 Dec 2026
Buprofezin	15 Dec 2025	Sintofen	15 Jul 2026
Cyflufenamid	30 Jun 2027	Sodium silver thiosulfate	31 Dec 2026
Fluazinam	15 Apr 2025	Tau-fluvalinate	31 Jan 2027
Fluopyram	30 Jun 2026	Tebufenozide	31 Jan 2027
Flutolanil	15 Jun 2025	Tembotrione	31 Dec 2026
Lambda-cyhalothrin	31 Aug 2026	Zinc phosphide	31 Dec 2026
Mecoprop-P	15 May 2025	Regulation (EU) 2024/1892	
Mepiquat	15 Oct 2025	Amisulbrom	15 Sep 2026
Metsulfuron-methyl	31 Aug 2026	S-abscissic acid	15 Sep 2026
Phosphane	15 Mar 2026	Thiencarbazone	1 Mar 2027
Pyraclostrobin	15 Sep 2025	Valifenalate	1 Mar 2027
		Regulation (EU) 2024/2781	
Regulation (EU) 2024/1206		8-Hydroxyquinoline	31 Dec 2025
1-Decanol	15 Jul 2026	Aminopyralid	31 May 2027
6-Benzyladenine	15 Jul 2026	Azoxystrobin	31 May 2027
Aluminium sulfate	15 Jul 2026	*Candida oleophila* strain O	31 May 2027
Azadirachtin	31 Jan 2027	Chlorantraniliprole	31 May 2027
Bupirimate	31 Jan 2027	Fluroxypyr	15 Feb 2027
Dithianon	31 Jan 2027	Imazalil	31 May 2027
Dodine	15 Jul 2026	Kresoxim-methyl	31 May 2027
Fluometuron	15 Jul 2026	Metobromuron	31 May 2027
Hexythiazox	31 Jan 2027	Oxyfluorfen	31 May 2027
Isoxaben	31 Jan 2027	*Paecilomyces fumosoroseus* strain FE 9901	31 May 2027
Lime sulphur	31 Jan 2027	Tefluthrin	31 May 2027
Orange oil	31 Dec 2026	Terbuthylazine	31 May 2027

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