Latest pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions 2026

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EU pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions in 2026

Commission Implementing Regulations 2026/312, 2026/321, 2026/351, 2026/355, 2026/372, 2026/870, 2026/1353, 2026/1421, 2026/1696, 2026/1826, 2026/1968, 2026/1976, 2026/2025

Update

This report summarises new and renewed approvals to date in 2026. It also lists extensions of European Union (EU) approval periods in 2026 (Table 1), and changes in conditions of use.

What is changing?

Approvals and renewals

In September 2026, the EU renewed its approvals of:

- phosphine until 30 September 2041
- pyraclostrobin until 30 September 2041
- mecoprop-P as a candidate for substitution until 30 September 2033.

In July 2026, the EU renewed its approval of pelargonic acid until 30 September 2041.

In April 2026, the EU renewed its approval of paraffin oil (CAS 8042-47-5) until 30 June 2041.

In February 2026, the EU renewed its approval of:

- maltodextrin (as a low-risk substance) until 3 March 2041
- spinosad until 1 April 2041
- pyrimethanil until 30 April 2041.

Amendments to conditions of approval

In June 2026, the EU amended the conditions of use for metalaxyl-M as follows:

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- The restriction limiting treated seeds to use in greenhouses is removed. Treated seeds may now be sown outdoors, provided that precision drilling equipment is used and sowing densities are appropriately restricted. A maximum sowing rate of 2 million seeds per hectare applies unless a risk assessment demonstrates that a higher rate is safe for birds and mammals.
- The maximum level for the impurity CGA226048 (a metabolite and manufacturing impurity of metalaxyl-M) is increased from 0.18 to 10 g/kg.

In February 2026, the EU amended the conditions of use for maleic hydrazide:

- the requirement to indicate on the label of treated crops that they had been treated with this substance is now removed
- the restriction that this substance may not be used on crops intended to be fed to livestock is now removed.

Extensions and amendments

Since the start of 2026, the EU has extended the approval periods of the substances listed in Table 1 .

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.

Recommended Actions

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

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.

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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.

In 2026 the European Commission proposed to remove its standard requirement to re-evaluate pesticides every 10 years (see Simplification of rules on pesticide MRLs and approvals).

Approval renewals

The Commission has established a series of work programmes to manage the renewal process. The latest work programme, Active Ingredient Renewal Programme 6 (AIR 6), covers substances with approvals expiring between 31 March 2025 and 27 December 2028. Each substance is allocated to an EU Member State for evaluation.

For active substances with approval periods that end on/after 27 March 2024, the renewal rules laid down in Regulation 2020/1740 apply.

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

Extension of approvals

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

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- Renewal of approval
- Approval of active substances, safeners and synergists
- Active Ingredient Renewal Programme 6 (AIR 6)

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulations 2026/312, 2026/321, 2026/351, 2026/355, 2026/372, 2026/870, 2026/1353, 2026/1421, 2026/1696, 2026/1826, 2026/1968, 2026/1976, 2026/2025

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Table 1: Pesticides: extensions of approval periods in 2026

Active substance	Expiry date extended to:
REGULATION 2026/372	
1-decanol	30 Jun 2028
1-naphthylacetamide	30 Nov 2029
1-naphthylacetic acid	30 Nov 2029
6-benzyladenine	15 Jan 2030
Aluminium sulfate	15 Jan 2030
Boscalid	31 Mar 2028
Dodine	30 Jun 2028
Esfenvalerate	30 Nov 2029
Eugenol	15 Apr 2028
Fenpyroximate	31 Jan 2028
Fluazifop-P	30 Nov 2029
Fluazinam	30 Nov 2027
Fluometuron	15 Jan 2030
Fluopyram	15 Jun 2028
Flutolanil	15 Jun 2027
Geraniol	15 Apr 2028
Malathion	15 Jul 2028
Penoxsulam	15 May 2027
Pinoxaden	31 Dec 2029
Prohexadione	15 May 2028
Proquinazid	31 Dec 2027
Prosulfuron	15 Dec 2029
Pyrethrins	30 Apr 2028
Pyridaben	31 Jan 2030
Sintofen	15 Jan 2030
Spiroxamine	30 Nov 2029

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Active substance	Expiry date extended to:
Sulfur	31 Jul 2027
Thymol	15 Apr 2028
REGULATION 2026/1421	
Bensulfuron	15 Nov 2027
Benzovindiflupyr	2 Jan 2029
Chlorotoluron	30 Jun 2028
Clethodim	15 Dec 2027
Cycloxydim	31 Jan 2029
Cymoxanil	30 Nov 2027
Dazomet	30 Nov 2027
Deltamethrin	30 Jun 2028
Diclofop	31 Jan 2029
Fenazaquin	15 Aug 2028
Fluopicolide	31 Jan 2029
Hymexazol	31 Jan 2029
Lambda-cyhalothrin	31 Jan 2029
MCPA	31 Jul 2028
MCPB	31 Jul 2028
Metaldehyde	15 Oct 2028
Metsulfuron-methyl	31 Jul 2028
Paclobutrazol	31 Jan 2029
Tebuconazole	31 Jul 2028
REGULATION 2026/1826	
Aclonifen	31 Mar 2029
Amisulbrom	15 Mar 2030
Bacillus amyloliquefaciens strain MBI 600	1 Dec 2029
Beflubutamid	31 Jul 2028
Clomazone	31 Dec 2027
Cyantraniliprole	14 Mar 2030
Cyprodinil	31 Jul 2027

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Active substance	Expiry date extended to:
Daminozide	15 Dec 2027
Dichlorprop-P	31 Oct 2027
Dimethachlor	31 Mar 2029
Fludioxonil	30 Sep 2027
Formetanate	30 Sep 2027
Fosetyl	31 Jan 2028
Isofetamid	15 Mar 2030
Metalaxyl	30 Jun 2029
Metazachlor	31 May 2029
Penconazole	15 Feb 2029
Phenmedipham	30 Sep 2027
Pirimicarb	31 Jul 2027
Pyraclostrobin	15 Dec 2026
S-abscisic acid	15 Apr 2029

Source: Regulations 2026/372, 2026/1421, 2026/1826

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