

Latest pesticide non-renewals, withdrawals, restrictions, and non-approvals (2024)

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Regulation

Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance tritosulfuron (WTO notification [G/TBT/N/EU/1078](#))

Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance metribuzin

Commission Implementing Regulations:

- 2024/20 concerning non-renewal of the approval of the active substance S-metolachlor
- 2024/425 concerning non-approval of the active substance asulam-sodium
- 2024/1207 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance dimethomorph
- 2024/1696 withdrawing the approval of the active substance acibenzolar-S-methyl
- 2024/2197 concerning the non-approval of eggshell powder as a basic substance

What is changing and why?

The EU systematically reviews the status of all pesticide active substances that are approved for use within the European Union. Recent withdrawals of approvals are summarised in Table 1.

In addition to the withdrawals and non-renewals in Table 1, the EU has recently decided not to approve eggshell powder as a basic substance due to concerns about neurodevelopment effects associated with its lead content. Previously the EU decided not to approve the active substance asulam-sodium because the approval criteria of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) could not be satisfied, and the applicant ultimately withdrew its application. This decision does not prevent the submission of a further application for approval of asulam-sodium.

Actions

Export sectors affected should start looking for alternative crop protection solutions to S-metalochlor, or assess possible adaptations of good agricultural practices (GAP). Exporting countries can also request EU import tolerances (for guidelines see [European Commission 2021](#)). See [Pesticide residue import tolerance MRLs explained](#).

Timeline


The pesticides listed in Table 1 can no longer be used in the EU after the expiry dates shown.

For each substance, the European Commission is expected to follow up with proposals to reduce or remove the MRLs. Suppliers in non-EU countries may need to adjust agricultural practices to meet reduced MRLs. Any changes to MRLs are notified to the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary (WTO SPS) Committee. Details will be provided on the AGRINFO website.

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| Table 1 Latest pesticide non-renewals, withdrawals, and restrictions (2024) | | | |
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| Active substance | Date of expiry/authorisation/withdrawal | Legal basis | Status |
| Acibenzolar-S-methyl | 20 Jul 2024 | Implementing Reg. (EU) 2024/1696 | Withdrawal: insufficient data to evaluate endocrine-disrupting properties; applicant self-classified it as toxic for reproduction |
| Dimethomorph | 20 May 2024 | Implementing Reg. (EU) 2024/1207 | Non-renewal: concerns about toxicity to reproduction and endocrine disruption in humans and mammals |
| Metribuzin | End 2024 | WTO notification G/TBT/N/EU/1076 | Non-renewal: endocrine-disrupting properties and high risk to bees |
| S-metolachlor | 23 Jan 2024 | Implementing Reg. (EU) 2024/20 | Non-renewal: unacceptable risk to mammals and of groundwater contamination |
| Tritosulfuron | End 2024 | WTO notification G/TBT/N/EU/1078 | Non-renewal: withdrawal of application for renewal of approval by manufacturer |


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Source: based on Regulations [2024/20](#); [2024/1207](#); [2024/1696](#); WTO notifications [G/TBT/N/EU/1076](#); [G/TBT/N/EU/1078](#)

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