Latest pesticide non-renewals, withdrawals, restrictions, and non-approvals (2026)

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1154 as regards the deletion of methoxyfenozide, penthiopyrad and terpenoid blend QRD 460 from the list of active substances approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1209 concerning the non-approval of Capsicum oleoresin 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 non-renewals and withdrawals of approval are summarised in Table 1.

Capsicum oleoresin was not approved as a basic substance because the European Food Safety Authority identified concerns regarding its composition and potential risks to human health, and the applicant subsequently withdrew the application.

Actions

Export sectors affected should start looking for alternative crop protection solutions to methoxyfenozide and penthiopyrad, or to assess possible adaptations of good agricultural practices (GAP).

Timeline

Expiry dates for the substances affected are listed in Table 1. After these dates, the pesticides can no longer be used in the EU.

The European Commission is expected to follow up with proposals to reduce or remove the MRLs for these substances, which will affect their use on crops for export to the EU. Any changes to MRLs are notified to the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary (WTO SPS) Committee, and details will be provided on the AGRINFO website.

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Table 1
Latest pesticide non-renewals, withdrawals, and restrictions (2026)

Active substance	Date of expiry	Legal basis (Regulation)	Status
Methoxyfenozide	31 Mar 2026	2026/1154	Non-renewal: expiration of approval period
Penthiopyrad	31 Oct 2025	2026/1154 2025/2027	Non-renewal: manufacturer no longer supports the application for renewal
Terpenoid blend QRD 460	10 Aug 2025	2026/1154	Non-renewal: no renewal application for this substance

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