Metiram: approval not renewed by EU

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2455 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance metiram

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has decided not to renew its approval for the active substance metiram. European farmers will no longer be able to use pesticides containing metiram. This is due to concerns about human health risks to consumers, operators, and bystanders, as well as environmental risks to non-target arthropods and aquatic organisms.

A review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for dithiocarbamates, including metiram, is underway.

Actions

The EU MRLs of metiram on all products are likely to be reduced to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods). Suppliers of agri-food products currently using metiram on crops for export to the EU should review their current good agricultural practices (GAP) and start to look for alternative solutions.

Timeline

This Regulation will enter into force on **28 November 2023**.

EU producers will be permitted to use stocks of products containing metiram until the 28 November 2024.

A revision of MRLs for dithiocarbamates, including metiram, is underway; new MRLs are expected to be set in late 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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