Safeners and synergists in pesticides: substances for review

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Regulation (EU) 2025/2274 as regards the adoption of the work programme for the gradual review of safeners and synergists.

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has adopted a work programme for the gradual review of safeners and synergists. These are substances used in pesticides:

- safeners – to eliminate or reduce phytotoxic effects
- synergists – to enhance the activity of active substances.

The review, due to be completed within 5 years (by 2030), will evaluate the safety of these substances for consumers and the environment.

See Table 1 for the list of substances to be reviewed.

Timeline

The work programme will be adopted on **3 December 2025**.

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Table 1
Safeners and synergists included in the work programme for gradual review

Safeners	Synergists
Cloquintocet	Disodium EDTA dihydrate
Cloquintocet mexyl	Edetic acid (EDTA)
Cyprosulfamide	Piperonyl butoxide
Isoxadifen-ethyl	Rapeseed oil
Mefenpyr-diethyl	
Metcamifen	

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