

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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Tables & Figures

| Table 1 Safeners and synergists included in the work programme for gradual review | |
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| 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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Source: Regulation (EU) [2025/2274](#)

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