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Update on PPP active substances with regards to sugar beet



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Update on active substances

Lost: Beta-cyfluthrin, Mancozeb, Metalaxyl-M & Thiophanate-methyl

Non-renewal of approval being discussed: Cypermethrin

Coming under scrutiny: Sulfoxaflor

Note: 'Lost' can mean either

- **non-renewal of approval**
- **renewal of approval, but with restrictions preventing open field (outdoor) use**

Recently lost active substances (2021 final crop year)



Beta-cyfluthrin (IN):

Draft CIR concerning **non-renewal of approval** adopted in 18-19 May 2020 SCoPAFF.
CIR 2020/892 published 29th June 2020. Maximum grace period: **20th July 2021.**

Metalaxyl-M (FU):

Draft CIR concerning renewal of approval, but with **restriction on the use of treated seed** (greenhouses only) adopted in 23-24 March 2020 SCoPAFF.
CIR 2020/892 published 6 May 2020. Maximum grace period (treated seed): **1st June 2021.**

Thiophanate-methyl (FU):

Applicant withdrew application for renewal of approval on **10th July 2020.**
Draft CIR concerning non-renewal of approval adopted in 29 September 2020 SCoPAFF.
CIR 2020/892 published 16th October 2020. Maximum grace period: **19th October 2021.**

CIR = Commission Implementation Regulation

Lost active substance with grace period to be confirmed



Mancozeb (FU):

Draft CIR concerning non-renewal of approval up for vote during 22-22 October 2020 SCoPAFF.

Maximum grace period possibly 6+6 rather than the proposed 3+3 months.

Worst-case: CIR with 3+3 months & published soon (< month) after adoption in SCoPAFF, maximum grace period would end during the early months of 2021, before fungicides are used: growers not allowed to use PPPs containing mancozeb on 2021 beet crop (unless EA is requested & granted).

“Lesser evil”: CIR with 6+6 months; maximum grace period would expire some time in October/November 2021: growers can use PPPs containing mancozeb on 2021 beet crop.

According to first reports, a **revised CIR with a 6+6 months grace period was adopted** in SCoPAFF on 23 October 2020.

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Active substance likely to be lost

Cypermethrin (IN) – current approval expires 31st October 2020:

18-19 May 2020 SCoPAFF: detailed discussion & tour de table on draft proposal for **renewal of approval as CfS**: 18 MS in favour, 7 against (risk mitigation measures unrealistic), 2 with no position.

16-17 July SCoPAFF: COM announces its intention to **propose non-renewal of approval**, given the high risks identified by the 2018 EFSA Opinion to aquatic organisms, off-field non-target organisms & bees.

22-23 October SCoPAFF: draft CIR for **non-renewal of approval** presented for discussion. Maximum grace period 6+6 months proposed.

CIR not yet notified at WTO-TBT. Normally, such notification is followed by a 60-day stop-the-clock comment period. Therefore, most likely no vote in 3-4 December 2020 SCoPAFF.

CIR = Commission Implementation Regulation//CfS = Candidate for Substitution//TBT = Technical Barriers to Trade

Active substance “on the edge”

Sulfoxaflor (IN) – current approval expires 18th August 2025:

COM is reflecting on potential **EU-wide restrictions**, considering two options:

1. Restrictions to **greenhouse uses only**,
2. Restrictions still **allowing some open field** (outdoor) **uses**.

At the 16-17 July 2020 SCoPAFF, the COM:

- summarised the outcome of the assessment of the confirmatory data regarding bees;
- explained that it was still reflecting on the acceptability of risk mitigation measures for possible outdoor use;
- invited MS to send comments on the possibility of restricted outdoor use by 11 Sept. 2020.

Active substance “on the edge”

22-23 October 2020 SCoPAFF: Confirmatory information was provided.

The COM:

- now intends to **propose restrictions to greenhouse uses only**
- asked MS (Member States) for their views on such restrictions
- noted that there were diverging views from MS and no clear picture on their position
- invited MS to **submit comments in writing by mid-November 2020**

Tentative timeline: Proposal for first discussion at 3 December SCoPAFF – potential vote in January 2021.

PPPs containing Sulfoxaflor are registered in 18 MS.
17 MS have open field (outdoor) use registrations.

Conclusion

PPPs containing Beta-cyfluthrin, Mancozeb, Metalaxyl-M or Thiophanate-methyl will be available to growers in 2021 for the last time (in MS where they are approved for use on sugar beet). They will not be available for the 2022 crop.

PPPs containing Cypermethrin will be available to growers in 2021 (in MS where they are approved for use on sugar beet), but there is a risk that they may not be available in 2022.

There is a strong risk that outdoor uses for PPPs containing Sulfoxaflor will no longer be allowed when the approval for that active substance is revised (possibly next year).

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