NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: +(32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euWebsite: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Etoxazole (pesticide active substance) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Regulation renewing the approval of the active substance etoxazole as a candidate for substitution in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (5 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance etoxazole is renewed as a candidate for substitution in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. It is however, necessary to include certain conditions and restrictions. In particular, only use on ornamental plants in permanent greenhouses can be approved.Existing authorised plant protection products containing etoxazole will be reviewed in accordance with the restrictions. The restriction is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/EEC.This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance. Following restriction of the approval and the consequent expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products, separate action will likely be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** In order for an active substance to be approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 (concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market), it must be demonstrated that the substance is not harmful to human health, animal health or the environment. Criteria are listed in Article 4 of the Regulation (and also detailed in Annex II) which must be met to enable approval. During the evaluation and peer-review of etoxazole, a number of concerns and areas that could not be finalised were identified. These are detailed in the conclusion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). EFSA concluded high risk to non-target arthropods and the consumer dietary risk assessment could not been finalised considering the outstanding data to conclude on the residue definition for risk assessment for processed commodities. These concerns mean that etoxazole meets the approval criteria as outlined in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 only if the approval is restricted to use on ornamental plants in permanent greenhouses. Existing authorisations will need to be amended or withdrawn following renewal of authorisation in accordance with Article 43 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC: [<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107&qid=1437730988988&from=EN>](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107&qid=1437730988988&from=EN)
* Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of approved active substances (*OJ L 153, 11.6.2011, p. 1–186*) [<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1442928512004&uri=CELEX:32011R0540>](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1442928512004&uri=CELEX:32011R0540)
* Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance etoxazole.
* EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2017. Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance etoxazole. EFSA Journal 2017;15(10):4988.
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 4th quarter 2020**Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days following publication in the Official Journal of the EU  |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: + (32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euThe text is available on the EU-TBT Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/EEC/20_4938_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/EEC/20_4938_01_e.pdf> |