



Neonicotinoid restrictions State of play

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Regulation (EU) No 485/2013

Significantly restricts the use of pesticides containing 3 neonicotinoids (clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam)

The uses as plant protection products and as seed treatments remained available only to professional users for:

- crops not attractive to bees
- greenhouses
- winter cereals
- post-flowering foliar application





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Regulation included:

- request for confirmatory data
- review of the measure within 2 years



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Confirmatory data for clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam

1. To confirm the uses still allowed
2. Further risks to bees identified for clothianidin and imidacloprid
3. Insufficient data submitted for thiamethoxam to perform review
4. Working documents, suggesting to further restrict the conditions of approval: only use in permanent greenhouses (also for treated seeds) + resulting crop must stay there for entire life cycle



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5. Formal decision making process still ongoing:

1. Discussion with MS
2. Interservice Consultation (ISC) + World Trade Organisation (WTO)
3. Included as point for vote at the Regulatory Committee on 12/13 December 2017

Review according to Article 21 (Reg (EU) No 1107/2009)

1. EFSA open call for data: until 30 September 2015
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/150522>
2. Due to the large amount of data received, EFSA postponed publication of its report until end of February 2018 (recently further extended)
3. If justified, review of the approval conditions