

GDC "Cultures arables" secteurs coton et tabac DU 5/4/17

Input from DG SANTE on Point 6 of the CDG Cotton:

Use of effective defoliant at the cotton crop. The necessity of permitting the use of "Thiadiazuron-diuron" (Dropp Ultra defoliant) for limited period as a substance that can be applied in minor crops.

The product Dropp Ultra, used as a defoliant in cotton, contains two active substances, diuron and thiadiazuron. Whereas diuron is approved for the use in plant protection products in the EU, thiadiazuron was not approved for such use by Commission Decision 2008/296/EC. This non-approval was necessary as no company was willing to provide some information which was identified as critical for the risk assessment of this substance and the application to approve the substance was withdrawn by the applicant.

As the product contains an active substance which is not approved for the use in the EU, it must not be authorised by any Member State as plant protection product. As there is no authorisation in the EU, no authorisation extension according to article 51 (minor use) is possible.