



Phytosanitary Products State of play

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Content

1. Information on the legislation regarding neonicotinoids.
2. Bee Guidance Document

The use of pesticides containing 3 neonicotinoids (clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam) is restricted to indoor uses

Regulation (EU) 2018/783: imidacloprid
Regulation (EU) 2018/784: clothianidin
Regulation (EU) 2018/785: thiamethoxam
were adopted on 29 May 2018.



Further information on:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/approval_active_substances/approval_renewal/neonicotinoids_en

French notification of national measures regarding NNi

- The message and the text of the notification, bearing the reference 2018/400/F from 3 August 2018 are available on the database "TRIS" – see webpage of DG GROW.

<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/>

- The draft decree refers to an earlier decree which bans the use of plant protection products containing neonicotinoids (five Nni are listed). The draft decree adds sulfoxaflor and flupyradifurone that are considered by France to share the same MoA as NNi.

French notification of national measures regarding Nni (cont.)

- COM and UK commented in accordance with Article 5.2, HU issued a detailed opinion in accordance with Article 6(2) of Directive (EU) 2015/1535.
- The detailed opinion prolongs the standstill period for France, i.e. the period during which France cannot legally adopt the decree, to 4 February 2019.

French notification of national measures regarding Nni (cont.)

- The content of the communications from Commission and Member States are included in the Authority section of the “TRIS” database.
- The public interface also shows 5 stakeholder contributions: Dow AgroSciences, Bayer AG, FCIO (Austrian chemicals association), ECPA, and UIPP (French plant protection industry association).
- This notification does not impact currently any approval at EU level.

Notice on the time-frame for the use of the EFSA Bee Guidance document

1. EFSA published in 2013 the Guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus* spp. and solitary bees)
2. COM proposes a stepwise implementation: acute and chronic risk to honeybees first.
3. Discussion with MS during the last years, restarted in May 2018. Only 9 MS could support the current implementation plan during the Standing Committee of October 2018. At that meeting COM invited MS to provide comments on the proposal to delay the implementation date of the chronic risk assessment to bees.