



# Plant Protection Products

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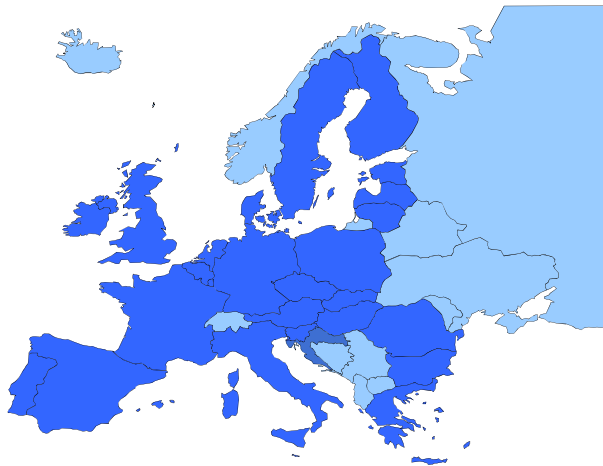
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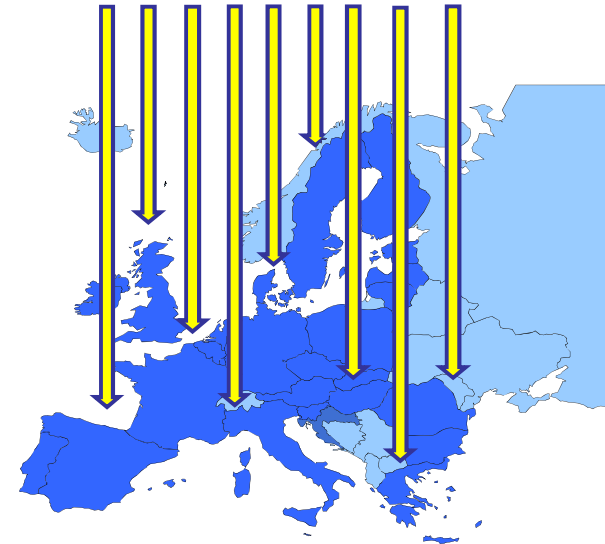
# 'Approval' vs. 'authorisation'



**Active substance (EU-wide)**



**Formulated Product (national)**





European  
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# Authorisation zones



**North**



**Central**



**South**



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## **Neonicotinoids** (*clothianidin, thiamethoxam, imidacloprid*)

- 2013: based on EFSA opinion restriction of use by prohibiting all uses on outdoor plants that were considered attractive to bees
- 2016: EFSA identifies further risks to bees from additional data to confirm the safety for bees for the uses still allowed
- 2017: Commission proposals to further restrict the uses to permanent greenhouses
- Discussions in Standing Committee in 2017 and January 2018
- February 2018: EFSA report on broad review of 2013 restrictions – no fundamental change compared to 2016
- Commission maintains its proposals – voted in the Standing Committee in April 2018 and adopted in May 2018



# Neonicotinoids – Emergency authorisations

- Several Member States grant since 2013 repeatedly authorisations under Article 53 of the PPP Regulation for the three restricted neonicotinoids for the same uses and covering large parts of their territories
- Regulation 1107/2009 allows so when there is a danger to plant health that cannot be controlled by other reasonable means (including non-chemical measures)
- Commission asked EFSA to assess whether the authorisations granted in 2017 fulfil the requirements in Article 53
- EFSA found this NOT to be the case for about 1/3
- Commission asked the Minister of the Member States to commit not to grant these again – two responded positively
- For the other two, the Commission is preparing legally binding Decisions preventing them from repeating the emergency authorisations

# Neonicotinoids – Emergency authorisations

Situation for sugar beets in 2019

Member State	Number of Emergency Authorisations for neonics	Sugar Beet
1. Austria	3	3
2. Belgium	7	5
3. Spain	1	1
4. Finland	3	3
5. Hungary	6	1
6. Lithuania	3	1
7. Poland	5	2
8. Romania	6	1
9. Sweden	1	1
10. Slovakia	1	1



# Sugar beet - herbicides

- Since several months we get letters from sugar beet growers mainly in NL and PL concerning the renewal of approval of two herbicides: phenmedipham and desmedipham
- EFSA Conclusions for both were negative :
  - Desmedipham:
    - Consumer exposure to aniline (mutagen/carcinogen) and 4-aminophenol (mutagen)
    - High long-term risk to mammals and birds
    - Assessment of endocrine disrupting properties could not be completed
    - Proposal for non-renewal of approval
  - Phenmedipham:
    - Initial proposal: non-renewal due to concerns about genotoxicity
    - Rapporteur Member State (Finland) then considered that the substance is not genotoxic
    - Assessment of endocrine disrupting properties could not be completed
    - Commission gave a mandate to EFSA to complete the ED assessment

# ***Thank you for your attention!***

## **For further information:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides_en)

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/refit\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/refit_en)

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