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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Triflusulfuron-methyl (pesticide active substance)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] **Specific regions or countries:**
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23 11185 00 e.pdf

6. Description of content: This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing triflusulfuron-methyl as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the European Union under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC.

This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following non-approval and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action may be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.

This draft Commission Implementing Regulation was also notified under the TBT Agreement in notice G/TBT/N/EU/993

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [] standard or related text):
 - World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number):

[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM numb	er):
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[X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

 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&gid=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 June 2011, p. 1-186)

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 triflusulfuron-methyl

<u>Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl | EFSA (europa.eu)</u>

(available in English)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2023.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2023.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Three days following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. Comments are only welcomed on TBT related issues and to be addressed to the TBT Enquiry Point on notice G/TBT/N/EU/993.

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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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