

Stimati colegi,
va transmit mai jos informatia primita de la ESA privind cererea depusa de Franta
catre Comisia Europeana (DG Sanco,Comitetul permanent produse fito) pentru
interzicerea neonicotinoizilor in UE si concluziile primelor discutii la nivelul
Comitetului.

Cu stima,

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UPDATE Cruiser ban following Standing Committee of last Thursday/Friday

Dear Members,

At the meeting of the Standing Committee on Phytopharmaceuticals last week, the French request to ban the use of neonicotinoids (Cruiser) on EU level was on the agenda.

Please note the following outcome:

- the Commission advised against the French request, based on its interpretation of the current state of scientific evidence
 - the Commission supported to await the final report of EFSA (around November) as a base for a substantive debate
 - there was no majority amongst Member States to follow the French request
 - apparently, only a few countries supported France (a.o. Slovenia) while the majority sided with the COM
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- France is now drafting its national decree to ban Cruiser on the base of Art. 44 of Regulation 1107/2009
 - such a decree needs to be notified to the COM for reaction
 - This means that normally the issue needs to be taken up yet another time by the Standing Committee, possibly still in August
 - The COM made it clear (another time) to France that a national ban also means that treatment of seed for export would be illegal, a legal opinion that we know is not shared by the French administration

Outlook:

- France seems determined to move forward with the ban, despite the opposition of COM and Member States
- a draft for a national ban is already drafted and may be decided upon within the coming fortnight
- a subsequent Standing Committee meeting would already be close to / within the planting season
- while all other parties seem to realise that this will be difficult to actually implement and/or police, the French Ministry seems to disregard this point
- the French approach to differentiate between the need of authorisation for planting and for treatment for export will now quite likely be challenged in the course of the further procedure; not because the legal situation has changed, but because the COM will be forced to take up a more formal procedure following a national ban.

The ESA Secretariat will continue to monitor the issue and keep members updated on any new developments.

Kind regards,

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