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Amendment 56
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on behalf of the ECR Group

Report
Norbert Lins, Bart Staes
Union’s authorisation procedure for pesticides (2018/2153(INI))

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that, although the EU has one of the most stringent systems in the world, both the Regulation as such and its implementation need to be improved for it to achieve its purpose;

Amendment

1. Considers that, although the EU has one of the most stringent systems in the world, and while welcoming the continued improvement of the Regulation, and particularly the ongoing legislative review of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002), even the most stringent systems can always be improved, including at the level of implementation;

Or. en
5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure full and uniform application of the hazard-based cut-off criteria for active substances that are mutagenic, carcinogenic or toxic for reproduction, or that have endocrine-disrupting properties; deleted

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. **Calls on the Commission and the Member States in their role as risk managers to duly apply the precautionary principle when, following an assessment of the available information, the possibility of harmful effects on health is identified but scientific uncertainty persists, by adopting provisional risk management measures necessary to ensure a high level of protection of human health;**

Amendment

6. **Notes that there have been concerns about the fulfilment of the precautionary principle, but that cases such as that of Commission Implementing Regulation No 781/2013 on fipronil and Commission Implementing Regulation No 485/2013 on neonicotinoids (EC April,) as well as the non-approval of 22 substances since the entry into force of Regulation No 1107/2009, demonstrate that the precautionary principle is being respected;**

Or. en
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Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the recommendation of the Scientific Advice Mechanism that the Commission should facilitate a broader discussion throughout society in order to establish an EU-wide shared vision for sustainable food production, including the role of plant protection products therein; believes that such considerations should take into account, among other factors, quality, safety, availability and affordability of food for consumers, fair income for, and long-term sustainability of, agricultural production, climate change, and the short-term and long-term risks and benefits to human and animal health and the environment associated with different scenarios for the use of plant protection products, including integrated pest management and a non-use scenario;
the risks and benefits to the environment of alternative non-chemical techniques should also be assessed;
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Paragraph 8 a (new)

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Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to refer to its Scientific Advice Mechanism when preparing proposals for improving the implementation of the current regulatory framework, including the outcome of the ongoing REFIT evaluation of the Regulation;

Or. en
Amendment 61
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

9. Considers that, within the EU system, greater attention should be paid to the widespread use, and prophylactic use when inappropriate, of plant protection products and the effects thereof on human health, animal health and the environment, as well as to the build-up of resistance in the target organism;

9. Considers that, within the EU system, greater attention should be paid to the risk of misuse and inappropriate use of plant protection products, including prophylactic application methods, and the effects thereof on the environment and on the build-up of resistance;

Or. en
Amendment 62
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Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Recognises that the prophylactic use of plant protection products can in many cases reduce the need for further chemical or non-chemical intervention, and on balance can be positive from an environmental perspective; understands that in some instances there are no plant protection product alternatives to treat the emergence of weeds, or established pest or disease populations, and thus prophylactic use is the only option to prevent reductions in crop yield and quality; further acknowledges that some plant protection products, due to their mode of action, must be applied before the emergence of weeds if they are to be effective; therefore believes that appropriate use of prophylactic applications should remain part of the available variety of treatments and protections in the farmer’s toolbox;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to no longer allow the use of plant protection products in areas used by the general public or by vulnerable groups, as defined in Article 12(a) of Directive 2009/128/EC;

Amendment

deleted
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Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for the creation of an effective post-market vigilance system to systematically monitor the real-life impacts of the use of plant protection products on human and animal health and on the environment as a whole, including in the long term; stresses that post-market vigilance for plant protection products should ensure effective data collection and communication among all stakeholders, and be transparent and publicly accessible; calls on EFSA and ECHA to develop harmonised guidelines for effective post-market vigilance in this field;

Amendment

15. Calls for the creation of an effective post-market vigilance system to monitor the impacts of the use of plant protection products on agricultural productivity as well as human and animal health and on the environment as a whole; considers that the Health and Food Audits and Analysis Directorate of the Commission could play a role in this regard;

Or. en
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to conduct an epidemiological study on the real-life impacts of plant protection products on human health;

deleted

Or. en