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## **AMENDMENTS 001-428**

by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

### **Report**

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**A9-0339/2023**

Sustainable use of plant protection products

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2022)0305 – C9-0207/2022 – 2022/0196(COD))

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### **Amendment 1**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Title 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Proposal for a  
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
on the sustainable use of plant protection  
products and amending Regulation (EU)  
2021/2115  
(Text with EEA relevance)

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### **Amendment 2**

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##### **Recital 1**

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### **Amendment 3**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) Under the Treaty, Union policy in the field of development cooperation is to be conducted within the framework of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action. The Union's development cooperation policy and that of the Member States complement and reinforce each other. The primary objective of such development cooperation policy is the reduction and eradication of poverty. The Treaty furthermore requires the Union to take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that the Union implements which are likely to affect developing countries.***

### **Amendment 4**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1b) The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states that it is necessary to strengthen the protection of fundamental rights and in particular the fundamental right to working conditions which respect workers' health, safety and dignity and that a high level of***

*environmental protection and the improvement of the quality of the environment must be integrated into the policies of the Union.*

## Amendment 5

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>37</sup> established a framework to achieve a sustainable use of **pesticides** by reducing the risks and impacts of the use of **pesticides** on human health and the environment. The evaluation<sup>38</sup> of that Directive found that it has not achieved its overall objectives and that the Member States did not implement it in a satisfactory manner. This conclusion was confirmed in reports from the Commission to the European Parliament and Council in 2017<sup>39</sup> and 2020<sup>40</sup>.

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<sup>37</sup> Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71).

<sup>38</sup> [Reference to be inserted.]

<sup>39</sup> Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Member State National Action Plans and on progress in the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides COM(2017)587 final.

<sup>40</sup> Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the experience gained by Member States on the implementation of national targets established in their National Action Plans

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## Amendment 6

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The European Parliament resolution of 12 February 2019 on the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides<sup>41</sup> noted that the Union must act without delay to transition to a more sustainable use of pesticides and called on the Commission to propose an ambitious Union-wide binding target for the reduction of **pesticide use**. The European Parliament re-affirmed its call for binding reduction targets in its resolution of 20 October 2021 on a Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system<sup>42</sup>.

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<sup>41</sup> P8\_TA(2019)0082, 12 February 2019.

<sup>42</sup> P9\_TA(2021)0425, 20 October 2021.

## Amendment 7

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 3 a (new)

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<sup>41</sup> P8\_TA(2019)0082, 12 February 2019.

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*(3a) Third countries which import pesticides from the Union often have less stringent protective regulations and limited technical capacity to handle hazardous substances, resulting in toxic exposure affecting their populations, in particular in local communities, and their environment, with severe impacts on human health, ecosystems, biodiversity, and the economy. These circumstances are especially relevant in low- and middle-income countries, which have been at the receiving end of hazardous chemicals and pesticides from high-income countries for decades.*

## **Amendment 8**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(3b) Decades of research have resulted in the banning and severe restriction of some highly hazardous pesticides. However, an international legally binding agreement to regulate pesticides does not currently exist, meaning that the number of hazardous substances banned globally is extremely limited. For instance, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants only restricts or prohibits a few pesticides globally. Other international agreements regulate only certain aspects of pesticides trade. For example, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (the ‘Rotterdam Convention’) requires States to share information on the export and import of certain hazardous pesticides and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal regulates the international trade of hazardous pesticides only after they become waste.*

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 c (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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***(3c) Many States have been taking domestic action on the use or market access of certain pesticides due to the risks to human health or the environment. Regulatory actions include banning those substances, refusing their approval, or severely restricting their use. In France, for example, the law of 30 October 2018, on the agricultural and food sectors, provides in Article 83 for a new prohibition relating to the production, storage and circulation of plant protection products containing substances which have not been approved in the Union.***

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 d (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3 d) The United Nations Report of 24 January 2017 of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, written in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, stresses that excessive use of pesticides is very dangerous to human health, to the environment and that the claim that they are vital to ensuring food security is misleading. In this regard, the report called for the establishment of policies to reduce pesticide use worldwide and develop regulatory framework, grounded on a human rights approach, for banning and phasing-out of highly hazardous pesticides, coupled with a***

*transition towards agro-ecology, to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.*

## **Amendment 11**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3e) The European Parliament resolution of 21 March 2022 on the need for an urgent EU action plan to ensure food security inside and outside the EU in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine noted that the Union must act to implement measures and use available tools to strengthen its food supply chains.***

## **Amendment 12**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 f (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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***(3f) Russia's unprovoked and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine has resulted in a severe loss of lives and livelihoods as well as environmental and material damage, while also causing concerns about food security both in Ukraine and globally. The Commission's comprehensive analysis of the drivers of food security points to the urgency of transitioning to a sustainable food system capable of ensuring food security in both the short- and long-term. Soil, water, biodiversity, and air are basic requirements for food production. Biophysical and environmental drivers leave a major imprint on the land as the Union's major resource for food production, inducing land cover and land-use changes and thus affecting food production systems. This analysis has***

*identified that the current high input intensive agricultural model, based on chemical pesticides, is likely to pose a food security threat in the medium term due to a loss of biodiversity, the likely increase in pests, decline in soil health and loss of pollinators which are essential to agricultural production. Reducing the Union's pesticide dependency is a driver of food security and self-sufficiency.*

## Amendment 13

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) In 2018, a study<sup>43</sup> by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) found progress in many Member States but a limited overall achievement of the objectives of Directive 2009/128/EC. A 2020 special report<sup>44</sup> from the European Court of Auditors (ECA) on the sustainable use of plant protection products found that there is limited progress in measuring and reducing the risks of plant protection product use and identified weaknesses in the current Union framework. As noted in its information report in relation to evaluation of Directive 2009/128/EC<sup>45</sup>, the European Economic and Social Committee also considers it essential to reassess the requirements, targets, conditions and timetables set under national action plans.

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<sup>43</sup> European Parliamentary Research Service, Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides –European Implementation Assessment, October 2018.

<sup>44</sup> Sustainable use of plant protection

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(4) In 2018, a study<sup>43</sup> by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) found progress in many Member States but a limited overall achievement of the objectives of Directive 2009/128/EC, ***especially regarding the implementation of the integrated pest management principles***. A 2020 special report<sup>44</sup> from the European Court of Auditors (ECA) on the sustainable use of plant protection products found that there is limited progress in measuring and reducing the risks of plant protection product use and identified weaknesses in the current Union framework. As noted in its information report in relation to evaluation of Directive 2009/128/EC<sup>45</sup>, the European Economic and Social Committee also considers it essential to reassess the requirements, targets, conditions and timetables set under national action plans.

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<sup>45</sup> European Economic and Social Committee, Evaluation on Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Information report), adopted on 27 April 2021.

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<sup>45</sup> European Economic and Social Committee, Evaluation on Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Information report), adopted on 27 April 2021.

## **Amendment 14**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) In its Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability towards a toxic-free environment, the Union committed to prohibiting the exports of domestically banned substances.***

## **Amendment 15**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 4 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4b) Pesticides are widely used throughout developing countries, and the demand for them is increasing due to the shift in agricultural policies, from traditional food production for local consumption to export-oriented production. The Union has a major role to play in supporting low and middle-income countries in the transition from intensive agriculture to more sustainable, agroecological practices, through the provision of technical and financial assistance, strengthened research and capacity building programmes, notably in the framework of the Rotterdam Convention, with a view to reducing the use and risk of pesticides and finding alternatives to hazardous pesticides, as***

*well as supporting collaboration among developing countries to reinforce pesticide risk regulation.*

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 7

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) The Commission Communication entitled ‘the European Green Deal’<sup>47</sup> set out a roadmap of key measures, including legislative, to significantly reduce the use and risk of chemical pesticides. In the Farm to Fork Strategy<sup>48</sup>, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030<sup>49</sup> and the Zero Pollution Action Plan<sup>50</sup>, the Commission committed to take action to reduce by 50% the overall use and risk from chemical pesticides by 2030 and reduce by 50% the use of more hazardous pesticides (plant protection products containing one or more active substances approved as candidates for substitution in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>51</sup> and listed in Part E of the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011<sup>52</sup>, or containing one or more active substances listed in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408<sup>53</sup>) by 2030. The sustainable use of plant protection products is also complementary to the promotion of organic farming ***and achieving the Farm to Fork Strategy target of at least 25% of the Union’s agricultural land under organic farming by 2030.*** It supports the objectives of the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work<sup>54</sup> and thereby contributes to the implementation of principle 10 of the European Pillar of Social Rights on a healthy, safe and well-adapted work environment.

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*prevention.*

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<sup>47</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The European Green Deal COM/2019/640 final.

<sup>48</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system, COM/2020/381 final.

<sup>49</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 Bringing nature back into our lives, COM/2020/380 final.

<sup>50</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Pathway to a Healthy Planet for All EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil', COM(2021) 400 final.

<sup>51</sup> 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 (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1).

<sup>52</sup> 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, 11.6.2011, p. 1).

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<sup>53</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 of 11 March 2015 on

implementing Article 80(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and establishing a list of candidates for substitution (OJ L 67, 12.3.2015, p. 18).

<sup>54</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027 Occupational safety and health in a changing world of work, COM/2021/323 final.

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## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Two European citizens' initiatives address the use of pesticides and call for ambitious reduction targets. The initiative 'Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides' submitted to the Commission on 6 October 2017 called on the Commission, under its third aim, 'to set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use, with a view to achieving a pesticide-free future'. In its reply adopted on 12 December 2017, the Commission stated that it would re-evaluate the need for EU-wide mandatory targets for pesticides. More recently, the initiative 'Save bees and farmers! Towards a bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment' calls on the Commission 'to propose legal acts to phase out synthetic pesticides in EU agriculture by 80% by 2030, starting with the most hazardous, and to become free of synthetic by 2035.' The initiative has collected over 1 million statements of support by 30 September 2021 **which are currently being verified by**

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**Amendment 18**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8a) The body of evidence on the health harm and health risk from pesticide exposure, as well as the related health cost keeps growing. Pesticide exposure has been linked to the development of different forms of cancer, to impacts on the endocrine system, to neurodevelopmental impacts for adults and children, and to cognitive and behavioural harm in children, as well as to impacts on human fertility. Pesticides harm can also be intergenerational, increasing the risk for disease much later in life and in future generations.***

**Amendment 19**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 10 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(10a) On 19 December 2022, the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (the ‘GBF’) which set among the global targets for 2030 the objective of “reducing the overall risk from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by at least half including through integrated pest management, based on science, taking into account food security and livelihoods”.***

**Amendment 20**

## Proposal for a regulation

### Recital 11

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) Biological control agents are a sustainable control alternative to the use of chemical products for the control of harmful organisms. As noted in Council Decision (EU) 2021/1102<sup>57</sup>, biological control agents have a growing importance in sustainable agriculture and forestry and have an instrumental role to play in the success of integrated pest management and organic farming. Access to biological controls facilitates moving away from chemical plant protection products. It is appropriate to encourage farmers to switch to low input agricultural methods including organic farming. It is therefore appropriate to define the concept of biological control as a basis for Member States to set ***indicative*** targets to increase the percentage of crops on which biological control agents are used.

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**Amendment 21**  
**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(11a) Relations between the European Union and developing countries, most notably in Africa, cover partnerships on green transition. As noted in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the protection of biodiversity is an indispensable part of the fight against environmental degradation, habitat fragmentation and loss of natural environments and, as a consequence, of prevention of environmental hazards, contributing amongst others to health threats, such as zoonoses. The One Health approach, that reinforces the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, includes the nexus between biodiversity and health. In addition, pesticides, frequently detected in concentrations exceeding legal or environmental standards, are a source of diffuse pollution, contaminating water, harming aquatic organisms, marine and coastal ecosystems. As the pollution of surface and underground waters and the depletion of water resources, more generally, are major concerns for our international partners, the Union should give special attention to the consequences of pesticides on the aquatic environment in developing countries, as provided within the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 "Ensure access to water and sanitation for all and ensure sustainable management of water resources".***

***While chemical pesticides can have a serious impact on biodiversity, habitats, ecosystems and the food-chain and therefore on public health, biological control agents are also an effective***

*alternative without destructive effects. It is therefore appropriate to support partner countries in integrated pest management innovations and in the availability, accessibility and affordability of integrated pest management solutions, focusing in particular on smallholder farmers. The Commission and the Member States should support research programmes targeting integrated pest management innovations and provide technical and financial support for the implementation of integrated pest control in developing countries.*

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 12

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) The objective of the Farm to Fork Strategy is to make substantial progress in the reduction of the use of chemical plant protection products in an economically viable way. In order to achieve that aim, it is necessary to set quantified targets at Union and Member State levels for the reduction in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and the use of more hazardous plant protection products to monitor progress. National targets should be established by national law in order to ensure adequate progress and accountability in relation to them. These binding national targets should also be achieved by Member States by 2030. The reduction in the use of chemical plant protection products is expected to significantly reduce occupational safety and health risks for professional users.

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## Amendment 23

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) Given the different levels of historical progress and differences in intensity of **pesticide** use between Member States, it is necessary to allow Member States some flexibility when setting their own binding national targets (“national 2030 reduction targets”). Intensity of use is best measured by dividing the total quantity of active substances placed on the market, and therefore used, in the form of plant protection products in a particular Member State by the surface area over which the active substances were applied. Intensity in the use of chemical **pesticides**, and in particular of the more hazardous **pesticides**, correlates with greater dependency on chemical **pesticides**, greater risks to human health and the environment and less sustainable farming practices. It is therefore appropriate to allow Member States to take their lower intensity of use of chemical **pesticides** than the Union average into account in setting their national 2030 reduction targets. It is also appropriate to require them to take their higher intensity of use of chemical **pesticides** than the Union average into account in setting their national 2030 reduction targets. In addition, in order to give recognition to past efforts by Member States, they should also be allowed to take into account historical progress prior to the adoption of the Farm to Fork Strategy when setting national 2030 reduction targets. Conversely, where Member States have increased, or made only limited reductions in, their use and risk of chemical plant protection products, they should now make

#### *Amendment*

(13) Given the different levels of historical progress and differences in intensity of **plant protection product** use between Member States, it is necessary to allow Member States some flexibility when setting their own binding national targets (“national 2030 reduction targets”). Intensity of use **and risk** is best measured by dividing the total quantity of active substances placed on the market and therefore used, in the form of plant protection products in a particular Member State by the surface area over which the active substances were applied. Intensity in the use of chemical **plant protection products**, and in particular of the more hazardous **plant protection products**, correlates with greater dependency on chemical **plant protection products**, greater risks to human health and the environment and less sustainable farming practices. It is therefore appropriate to allow Member States to take their lower intensity of use **and risk** of chemical **plant protection products** than the Union average into account in setting their national 2030 reduction targets. It is also appropriate to require them to take their higher intensity of use **and risk** of chemical **plant protection products** than the Union average into account in setting their national 2030 reduction targets. In addition, in order to give recognition to past efforts by Member States, they should also be allowed to take into account historical progress prior to the adoption of the Farm to Fork Strategy when setting national 2030 reduction targets.

a greater contribution to the achievement of the Union 2030 reduction targets, while also taking account *of* their intensity of **pesticide** use. In order to ensure a fair and collective effort towards the achievement of Union-wide targets and an adequate level of ambition, minimum limits should be laid down for national 2030 reduction targets. The EU's outermost regions, as listed in Article 349 of the Treaty, are located in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Indian Ocean. Due to permanent constraints such as their remoteness to the European continent, insularity and high exposure to climate change, it is appropriate to allow Member States to take into account the specific needs of these regions as regards the use of plant protection products and measures tailored to specific climatic conditions and crops. In order to ensure a fair and collective effort towards the achievement of Union-wide targets, where a Member State reaches the level of its 2030 national reduction target before 2030, it should not be required to undertake additional reduction efforts, but it should closely monitor annual fluctuations in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and in the use of more hazardous plant protection products to ensure progress towards meeting the respective 2030 national reduction target. In the interests of transparency, Member State responses to any Commission recommendations in relation to the level of ambition of national targets and the annual progress made towards them should be publicly accessible.

Conversely, where Member States have increased, or made only limited reductions in, their use and risk of chemical plant protection products, they should now make a greater contribution to the achievement of the Union 2030 reduction targets, while also taking account their intensity of use **and risk of chemical plant protection products**. In order to ensure a fair and collective effort towards the achievement of Union-wide targets and an adequate level of ambition, minimum limits should be laid down for national 2030 reduction targets. ***To ensure availability of sufficient tools for crop-protection to limit the presence of harmful organisms and diseases to acceptable levels, implementation of integrated pest management and the availability of non-chemical methods should be reviewed and a mechanism should be introduced to adapt the 2030 deadline if necessary.*** The EU's outermost regions, as listed in Article 349 of the Treaty, are located in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Indian Ocean. Due to permanent constraints such as their remoteness to the European continent, insularity and high exposure to climate change, it is appropriate to allow Member States to take into account the specific needs of these regions as regards the use of plant protection products and measures tailored to specific climatic conditions and crops. In order to ensure a fair and collective effort towards the achievement of Union-wide targets, where a Member State reaches the level of its 2030 national reduction target before 2030, it should not be required to undertake additional reduction efforts, but it should closely monitor annual fluctuations in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and in the use of more hazardous plant protection products to ensure progress towards meeting the respective 2030 national reduction target. In the interests of transparency, Member State responses to any Commission recommendations in relation to the level of ambition of national

targets and the annual progress made towards them should be publicly accessible.

## Amendment 24

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 14

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) Member States should draft and publish national action plans. In order for the Member State national action plans to be effective, they should contain quantitative objectives, references to binding national 2030 reduction targets as set out in national law, together with related *indicative* targets set out in the national action plans, measures, timetables and indicators to reduce risks and impacts of *pesticide* use on human health and the environment. This will allow for a structured approach to the setting of quantitative objectives and targets, with a clear link to the national 2030 reduction targets. In order to monitor compliance with the provisions of this Regulation, Member States should also be required to report annually on targets and precise quantitative data relating to compliance with provisions on use, training, application equipment and integrated pest management.

*Amendment*

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## Amendment 25

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 15

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) In order to achieve the Union-wide reduction targets ('Union 2030 reduction targets') as well as national **2030** reduction targets, it is necessary to increase the availability and use of biological control and other non-chemical alternatives. Availability of these alternatives will incentivise the adoption of low pesticide-input pest management practices such as organic farming.

*Amendment*

(15) In order to achieve the Union-wide reduction targets ('Union 2030 reduction targets') as well as national reduction targets, it is necessary to increase the availability and use of biological control and other non-chemical *or low-risk* alternatives. ***However, the approval of active substances under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 is a significant obstacle to the market introduction of these new products, as procedures are lengthy, legal deadlines often not met and guidelines and data requirements do not match the specific characteristics of active substances exerting biological control, leading to excessive burden, costs and delays. In that regard, Member States should prioritize the assessment of applications for approval of active substances that exert biological control and low-risk active substances in order to avoid unduly delaying the assessment procedures of these active substances and to avoid prolonging the use of potentially more harmful active substances that these low-risk active substances and active substances exerting biological control could replace.*** Availability of these alternatives will incentivise the adoption of low pesticide-input pest management practices such as organic farming.

## **Amendment 26**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) The implementation of policies and measures in the areas of sustainable use of plant protection products has an impact on the environment, public health and working conditions. Member States should therefore ensure that ***the*** public and social

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(16) The implementation of policies and measures in the areas of sustainable use of plant protection products has an impact on the environment, public health and working conditions. Member States should therefore ensure that ***relevant stakeholders,***

partners are given sufficient opportunities to participate in and to be consulted on the preparation of Member State national action plans in accordance, *where applicable*, with Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>58</sup>.

*authorities and the general public and social partners are given sufficient opportunities to participate in and to be informed and consulted effectively and in a timely manner on the preparation of Member State national action plans in accordance, with Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>58</sup> and that members of the public having a sufficient interest, in accordance with national law, have access to a review procedure before a court of law.*

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<sup>58</sup> Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (OJ L 197, 21.7.2001, p. 30).

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## Amendment 27

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 17

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(17) In order to ensure consistency and complementarity with related legislation, Member State national action plans should take into account Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>59</sup>, Council Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>60</sup>, Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>61</sup>, Council Directive 91/676/EEC<sup>62</sup>, Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>63</sup>, Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>64</sup> *and* Regulation xxx/xxx on nature restoration [reference to adopted act to be inserted] and should be consistent with the Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Strategic Plans drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>65</sup>.

##### *Amendment*

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**98/24/EC<sup>64b</sup>, Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>64c</sup>, Directive 2009/104/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>64d</sup>** and should be consistent with the Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Strategic Plans drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>65</sup>.

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<sup>59</sup> Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

<sup>60</sup> Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

<sup>61</sup> Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).

<sup>62</sup> Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1).

<sup>63</sup> Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May

<sup>59</sup> Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

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<sup>62</sup> Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1).

**<sup>62a</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption**

**<sup>62b</sup> Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 concerning the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC**

<sup>63</sup> Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May

2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (OJ L 152, 11.6.2008, p. 1).

<sup>64</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC (OJ L 344, 17.12.2016, p. 1).

<sup>65</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1).

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2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (OJ L 152, 11.6.2008, p. 1).

<sup>64</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC (OJ L 344, 17.12.2016, p. 1).

*<sup>64a</sup> Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work*

*<sup>64b</sup> Council Directive 98/24/EC of 7 April 1998 on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work*

*<sup>64c</sup> Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work*

*<sup>64d</sup> Directive 2009/104/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work*

<sup>65</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1).

## Recital 19

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(19) For the sake of transparency and in order to encourage greater progress, it is necessary to measure the progress made by Member States in relation to the achievement of the national **2030** reduction targets and other national ***indicative reduction*** targets. This should be done on an annual basis by means of annual progress and implementation reports. In order to monitor the level of compliance with this Regulation in a streamlined, easily comparable manner, Member States should also include quantitative data in relation to the implementation of this Regulation as regards use, training, application equipment and integrated pest management. In order for the Commission to encourage progress towards achieving national **2030** reduction targets and other national ***indicative reduction*** targets, including any measures in support of such achievement, the Commission should analyse such progress and measures every 2 years.

*Amendment*

(19) For the sake of transparency and in order to encourage greater progress, it is necessary to measure the progress made by Member States in relation to the achievement of the national reduction targets and other national targets. This should be done on an annual basis by means of annual progress and implementation reports. In order to monitor the level of compliance with this Regulation in a streamlined, easily comparable manner, Member States should also include quantitative data in relation to the implementation of this Regulation as regards use, training, application equipment and integrated pest management. In order for the Commission to encourage progress towards achieving national reduction targets and other national targets ***for the uptake of alternative plant protection methods***, including any measures in support of such achievement, the Commission should analyse ***and make publicly available*** such progress and measures every 2 years.

## Amendment 29

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 20

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) An approach to pest control that follows integrated pest management in ensuring careful consideration of all available ***means*** that discourage the development of populations ***of harmful organisms, while keeping*** the use of chemical plant protection products to levels that are economically and ecologically justified ***and minimising*** risks to human health and the environment ***is necessary for the protection of human health and***

*Amendment*

(20) An approach to pest control that follows integrated pest management in ensuring careful consideration of all available ***pest control techniques and subsequent use of appropriate measures*** that discourage the development of ***pest*** populations ***and that combines physical, biological, chemical, cultural/variatal, and crop specific management strategies and practices to grow healthy crops and minimise*** the use of chemical plant



*the environment. ‘Integrated pest management’ emphasises the growth of a healthy crop with the least possible disruption to agro-ecosystems, encourages natural pest control mechanisms and uses chemical control only when all other control means are exhausted.* To ensure that integrated pest management is implemented consistently on the ground, it is necessary to lay down clear rules in this Regulation. In order to comply with the obligation to follow integrated pest management, a professional user should consider *and implement all methods and practices that avoid* the use of plant protection products. Chemical plant protection products should only be used *when all other control means have been exhausted.* In order to ensure and monitor compliance with this requirement, it is important that professional users keep a record of the *reasons why they apply plant protection products or the reasons for any other action* taken in line with integrated pest management and of advice received in support of their implementation of integrated pest management from independent advisors. These records are also required for aerial applications.

protection products to levels that are economically and ecologically justified, *is necessary as it thereby minimises risks they pose* to human health and the environment. To ensure that integrated pest management is implemented consistently on the ground, it is necessary to lay down clear rules in this Regulation. In order to comply with the obligation to follow integrated pest management, a professional user should *first consider measures that do not require* the use of *chemical plant protection products for the prevention or suppression of harmful organisms, and apply those relevant to their crops and circumstances before resorting to application of chemical* plant protection products. Chemical plant protection products should only be used *under certain conditions.* In order to ensure and monitor compliance with this requirement, it is important that professional users keep a record of the *actions* taken in line with integrated pest management and of advice received in support of their implementation of integrated pest management from independent advisors *and the reasons why they apply plant protection products.* These records are also required for aerial applications.

## Amendment 30

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 21 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(21a) Personal data collected for the purposes of the application of this Regulation should be processed in a way that is compatible with those purposes. They should also be made anonymous when processed for monitoring or evaluation purposes, and be protected in accordance with Union law concerning the protection of individuals with regard*

*to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, in particular Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1a</sup> and Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1b</sup>. Data subjects should be informed of such processing and of their data protection rights.*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).*

*<sup>1b</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).*

## **Amendment 31**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 22**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(22) In order to facilitate compliance with integrated pest management, it is necessary to lay down crop-specific rules that a professional user must follow in relation to the specific crop and region in which the professional user operates. Such rules should convert the requirements of integrated pest management into verifiable criteria that apply to the specific crop. To

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(22) In order to facilitate compliance with integrated pest management, it is necessary to lay down crop-specific rules that a professional user must follow in relation to the specific crop and region in which the professional user operates. Such rules should convert the requirements of integrated pest management into verifiable criteria that apply to the specific crop. To

ensure that the crop-specific rules are in accordance with the requirements of integrated pest management, detailed rules should be laid down as to what they should contain and the Commission should verify their development, implementation and enforcement on the ground.

ensure that the crop-specific rules are in accordance with the requirements of integrated pest management, detailed rules should be laid down as to what they should contain and the *Member States and the Commission* should verify their development, implementation and enforcement on the ground.

## Amendment 32

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) In order to verify compliance by professional users with integrated pest management, an electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register should be maintained with the aim of verifying compliance with the rules on integrated pest management set out in this Regulation and supporting the development of Union policy. Access to the register should *also* be granted to national statistical authorities for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>66</sup>. This register should record any preventative measure or intervention and the reasons for *that preventative measure or intervention*. This will provide the competent authorities with the information necessary to verify whether a professional user has carried out a decision-making process, in accordance with integrated pest management, before determining *the specific preventative measure or* intervention. The register should also contain details in relation to advice required annually in support of integrated pest management in order to verify that such strategic longer term planning in relation to integrated pest

#### *Amendment*

(23) In order to verify compliance by professional users with integrated pest management, an electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register should be *introduced and* maintained with the aim of verifying compliance with the rules on integrated pest management set out in this Regulation and supporting the development of Union policy. Access to the register should be granted to *competent authorities in charge of the implementation of relevant legislation*, national statistical authorities for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>66</sup> *and other third parties for academic and scientific research purposes*. This register should record any preventative measure or intervention and the reasons for *any application of plant protection products*. This will provide the competent authorities with the information necessary to verify whether a professional user has carried out a decision-making process, in accordance with integrated pest management, before determining *an* intervention *using chemical plant protection products*. The register should also contain details in

management is taking place.

relation to advice required annually in support of integrated pest management in order to verify that such strategic longer term planning in relation to integrated pest management is taking place.

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<sup>66</sup> Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

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<sup>66</sup> Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

### Amendment 33

#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) In order to ensure that plant protection products and related application equipment are used in a manner that protects human health and the environment, it is necessary to provide for general requirements on professional users in relation to the training required to use certain plant protection products or application equipment, the use of more hazardous plant protection products and the need to comply with inspection requirements for application equipment in professional use.

##### *Amendment*

(24) In order to ensure that plant protection products and related application equipment are used in a manner that protects human health and the environment, it is necessary to provide for general requirements on professional users in relation to the training required to use certain plant protection products or application equipment, the use of more hazardous plant protection products and the need to comply with inspection requirements for application equipment in professional use. ***Concomitantly, the use of more hazardous chemical plant protection products by non-professional users, who are not trained, should be prohibited, in order to avoid situations where human or environmental safety***

*would be at risk.*

## Amendment 34

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 24 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(24a) Monitoring is necessary in order to examine any effects on the environment and human health resulting from the use of plant protection products. Union monitoring requirements currently focus only on water. In order to accurately assess whether the targets of this Regulation in terms of reducing the risk of plant protection products are met, Member States should put in place comprehensive programmes to monitor the occurrence of residues of plant protection products and their metabolites in the environment and humans.***

## Amendment 35

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 24 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(24b) Soil is an essential, multifunctional and living ecosystem of crucial environmental and socioeconomic importance, especially due to its complex microbiome. It performs many key functions and delivers services vital to human existence, especially in relation to food production, and ecosystem survival. However, the European Commission's mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' notes that 83% of agricultural soils in the EU are contaminated with residual pesticides, while agricultural intensification and overuse of pesticides will likely further exacerbate the situation in the future.***

***Pesticides' high soil persistence and toxicity to non-target organisms are specifically referred to as posing a threat to soil health. The importance of soil protection should therefore be duly taken into account when implementing this Regulation.***

#### *Justification*

*Healthy soils are the basis of crop production, but can be affected by pesticides. Their key role and the importance of preserving soil health should be duly taken into account for the purposes of this regulation.*

### **Amendment 36**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 25**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) Use of plant protection products may have particularly negative impacts in certain areas that are frequently used by the general public or by vulnerable groups, communities in which people live and work and ecologically sensitive areas, such as Natura 2000 sites protected in accordance with Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>67</sup> and Council Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>68</sup>. If plant protection products are used in areas used by the general public, the possibility of exposure of humans to such plant protection products is high. In order to protect human health and the environment, the use of plant protection products in sensitive areas and within 3 metres of such areas, should therefore be prohibited. Derogations from the prohibition should only be allowed under certain conditions and on a case-by-case basis.

###### *Amendment*

(25) Use of plant protection products may have particularly negative impacts in certain areas that are frequently used by the general public or by vulnerable groups, communities in which people live and work and ecologically sensitive areas, such as Natura 2000 sites protected in accordance with Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>67</sup> and Council Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>68</sup>. If plant protection products are used in areas used by the general public, the possibility of exposure of humans to such plant protection products is high. In order to protect human health and the environment, the use of plant protection products in sensitive areas and within 3 metres of such areas, should therefore be prohibited. ***Buffer zones should be expanded to 5 meters for areas frequented by the general public and vulnerable populations in human settlements. The application of certain plant protection products, such as active substances approved for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and biological***

*control, should remain possible in certain sensitive areas. Derogations from the prohibition should only be allowed under certain conditions defined in this Regulation and granted by a competent authority and on a case-by-case basis in order to prevent the spread of quarantine pests or invasive alien species. Member States should be allowed to derogate from the restrictions on the use of plant protection products in some sensitive areas under certain conditions and where a high level of protection for human health and the environment can be maintained.*

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<sup>67</sup> Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

<sup>68</sup> Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

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<sup>67</sup> Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

<sup>68</sup> Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

## Amendment 37

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) The aquatic environment and drinking water supplies are especially sensitive to plant protection products. In order to protect the aquatic environment, the use of plant protection products in and around surface waters areas should **therefore** be prohibited. Member States should have in place appropriate measures to avoid deterioration of surface and groundwater as well as coastal and marine waters and allow achievement of good surface and groundwater status, to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water supplies from the impact of plant

#### *Amendment*

(26) The aquatic environment and drinking water supplies are especially sensitive to plant protection products. In order to protect the aquatic environment, the use of plant protection products in and around surface waters areas should be prohibited. Member States should have in place appropriate measures to avoid deterioration of surface and groundwater as well as coastal and marine waters and allow achievement of good surface and groundwater status, to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water supplies from the impact of plant protection

protection products. In addition, it is important that professional users are trained in how to minimise or eliminate applications of certain plant protection products classified as “harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects”, “very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects” or “toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects”. It is also important that professional users are trained on the importance of giving preference to **low risk** plant protection products **or non-chemical alternatives**, use of drift reducing technology and risk mitigation measures.

products **and their metabolites**. ***Vegetated buffer strips are an effective measure to retain plant protection product inputs during rain events and consequently to avoid ecological impacts on aquatic life, therefore the establishment of vegetated buffer strips along water courses should be encouraged.*** In addition, it is important that professional users **are given compulsory training** on how to minimise or eliminate applications of certain plant protection products classified as “harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects”, “very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects” or “toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects”. It is also important that professional users are given **compulsory training** on the importance of giving preference to **non-chemical alternatives or low-risk** plant protection products, use of drift reducing technology and risk mitigation measures.

## Amendment 38

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 26 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(26a) Rural residents can be vulnerable to repeated exposure to plant protection products. It is therefore appropriate that Member States include in their national action plan additional measures to protect the health of rural residents.***

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 28

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) It is however likely that certain **unmanned** aircraft (including drones) will allow for the targeted aerial application of plant protection products. Such **unmanned** aircraft are likely to help reduce the use of plant protection products due to targeted application and consequently help reduce the risks to human health and the

##### *Amendment*

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environment compared to use of land-based application equipment. It is therefore appropriate to set criteria in this Regulation for an exemption of certain **unmanned** aircraft from the prohibition of aerial application. It is also appropriate to defer the application of this exemption for 3 years given the current state of scientific uncertainty.

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## Amendment 41

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 30

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(30) Given the importance of advice on the use of plant protection products as a means to support their use in a manner that protects human health and the environment in accordance with integrated pest management, it is important that advisors are adequately trained.

*Amendment*

(30) Given the importance of **independent** advice on the use of plant protection products as a means to support their use in a manner that protects human health and the environment in accordance with integrated pest management, it is important that advisors are adequately trained.

## Amendment 42

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 32

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(32) It is essential that Member States establish and maintain systems of both initial and follow-up training for distributors, advisors **and** professional users of plant protection products and certification systems **to** record such training, in order to ensure that those operators are fully aware of the potential risks to human health and the environment and of the appropriate measures to reduce those risks as much as possible. The training for advisors should be more extensive than that of distributors and

*Amendment*

(32) It is essential that Member States establish and maintain **independent** systems of both initial and follow-up training for distributors, advisors, **workers and other** professional users of plant protection products and **independent** certification systems **and that Member States** record such training, in order to ensure that those operators are fully aware of the potential risks to human health and the environment and of the appropriate measures to reduce those risks as much as possible. The training for **independent**

professional users since they need to be able to support the proper implementation of integrated pest management and crop-specific rules. The use or purchase of a plant protection product authorised for professional use must be limited to persons in possession of a training certificate. In addition, in order to ensure safe use of plant protection products for human health and the environment, distributors should be required to provide both professional and non-professional purchasers of plant protection products with product specific information at point of sale.

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### **Amendment 43**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 34**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(34) Considering the possible risks to human health and the environment from the use of plant protection products, the public should have access to better information on the overall impacts of the use of such products through awareness-raising *programmes*, information passed on through distributors and other appropriate measures.

*Amendment*

(34) Considering the possible risks to human health and the environment from the use of plant protection products, the public should have access to better information on the overall impacts of the use of such products *and on the risks associated with the use of and exposure to different plant protection products, and benefits of different plant protection methods* through awareness-raising, information passed on through distributors and other appropriate measures.

### **Amendment 44**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 34 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(34a) In accordance with Directives 2000/60/EC, 2006/118/EC, 2008/105/EC,*

***2008/56/EC and (EU) 2020/2184, Member States should put in place appropriate measures to avoid deterioration of surface and groundwater as well as coastal and marine waters and allow achievement of good surface and groundwater status, to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water supplies from the impact of plant protection products.***

## **Amendment 45**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 35**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(35) In order to better understand the trends regarding acute poisoning incidents and chronic poisoning arising from exposure of persons to plant protection products, information on such trends should be compiled by each Member State. The Commission should also monitor the overall trends at Union level.

*Amendment*

(35) In order to better understand the trends regarding acute poisoning incidents, chronic poisoning ***and chronic illnesses*** arising from ***incidental or repeated*** exposure of persons ***and animals*** to plant protection products, information on such trends should be compiled by each Member State. The Commission should also monitor the overall trends at Union level.

## **Amendment 46**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 37**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(37) In order to monitor progress achieved in the reduction of risks and adverse impacts to human health and the environment from the use of plant protection products it is necessary to continue using the system of harmonised risk indicators established under Directive (EU) 2009/128/EC.

*Amendment*

(37) In order to monitor progress achieved in the reduction of risks and adverse impacts to human health and the environment from the use of plant protection products it is necessary to continue using the system of harmonised risk indicators established under Directive (EU) 2009/128/EC ***and ensure that an ongoing evaluation of the system is carried out. The Commission should***

*however also publish a report evaluating the feasibility of developing a harmonised Union indicator for the environmental impact of plant protection measures that takes into account more aspects than only the quantity of plant protection products sold.*

## Amendment 47

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 38

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(38) Statistical data on plant protection products collected in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>74</sup> should be used in calculating these harmonised risk indicators and progress towards achieving binding Union and national targets based on the Farm to Fork Strategy. Given that pesticide use fluctuates between years depending, in particular, on the weather, a **three** year baseline period is appropriate to take account of such fluctuations. The baseline period for the calculation of harmonised risk indicators 1 and 2 is 2011–2013, as this was the first three year period for which data was received by the Commission under Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 and coincides with the entry into force of Directive 2009/128/EC. The baseline period for the calculation of progress towards the Union 2030 reduction targets is **2015–2017**, as this was the **three** most recent years for which data was available at the time of the announcement of the Farm to Fork Strategy. The baseline period for the calculation of a new harmonised risk indicator 2a is 2022–2024, as this will be the first three year period for which data on the areas treated under each authorisation for an emergency situation in plant protection will be available.

#### *Amendment*

(38) Statistical data on plant protection products collected in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>74</sup> should be used in calculating these harmonised risk indicators and progress towards achieving binding Union and national targets based on the Farm to Fork Strategy. Given that pesticide use fluctuates between years depending, in particular, on the weather, a **five** year baseline period is appropriate to take account of such fluctuations. The baseline period for the calculation of harmonised risk indicators 1 and 2 is 2011–2013, as this was the first three year period for which data was received by the Commission under Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 and coincides with the entry into force of Directive 2009/128/EC. The baseline period for the calculation of progress towards the Union 2030 reduction targets is **2013–2017**, as this was the **five** most recent years for which data was available at the time of the announcement of the Farm to Fork Strategy. The baseline period for the calculation of a new harmonised risk indicator 2a is 2022–2024, as this will be the first three year period for which data on the areas treated under each authorisation for an emergency situation in plant protection will be available.

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<sup>74</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 concerning statistics on pesticides (OJ L 324, 10.12.2009, p. 1).

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## Amendment 48

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 38 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(38a) When use data for plant protection products become available as result of the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council\*, the Commission should work towards moving away from reduction objectives based on sales data and hazard of plant protection products to a more precise and comprehensive picture on agriculture, including actual uses per crop, per region plus productivity and land-use data. Impact-based indicators should be developed combining use data for plant protection products with an indicator considering fate, exposure and effect per active ingredient applied on the field. Models which fulfil these criteria already exist and are currently used at national level, such as SYNOPS in Germany, PestLCI and USEtox. An indicator based on monitoring results of pesticides levels in environmental matrices such as water, soil and air, should complement this approach.***

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***\* Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on statistics on agricultural input and output, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 617/2008 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1165/2008, (EC) No 543/2009 and (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European***

## **Amendment 49**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 39**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(39) For the moment, the only robust statistical data available at Union level relating to the marketing and use of plant protection products are the statistics on the quantities of active substances in plant protection products placed on the market, and the data on the number of authorisations for emergency situations in plant protection granted under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Those statistics are used in the calculation of harmonised risk indicators 1 and 2 under Directive 2009/128/EC and in calculating progress towards the binding Union 2030 reduction targets and national 2030 reduction targets based on the Farm to Fork Strategy. The new harmonised risk indicator 2a will be calculated using statistics on the number of authorisations for emergency situations in plant protection, the properties of the active substances in plant protection products subject to these authorisations, and the areas treated under these authorisations to better quantify the risks arising from authorisations for emergency situations in plant protection.

#### *Amendment*

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## **Amendment 50**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 39 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(39a) The Commission includes, in its Communication of 14 October 2020 on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, Towards a Toxic-Free Environment, the commitment to ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export. It is therefore appropriate to prohibit the export from the Union of plant protection products not approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 for public health and environmental reasons.***

**Amendment 51**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 39 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(39b) Article XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) allows for the adoption of measures necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health. In order to ensure the same level of protection for consumers regardless of the origin of the products, mirror clauses on imports of agricultural and agri-food products from third countries should be introduced, and import tolerances should be set at the limit of determination. At the same time, a dialogue with third countries with a view to exchanging information on the use and risk of plant protection products should be initiated.***

**Amendment 52**



**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 39 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(39c) For reasons of transparency, and to ensure uniform implementation by all Member States, the categories of active substances that exert biological control should be set out in an Annex to this Regulation. Inclusion of active substances or categories of active substances that exert biological control in that Annex should not mean that those active substances are approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Member States should prioritise the assessment of applications for plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control and ensure that applicants are given full support in the preparation of their applications.***

**Amendment 53**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 40**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(40) For reasons of transparency, and to ensure uniform implementation by all Member States, the methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two Union and two national 2030 reduction targets and the methodology for the calculation of harmonised risk indicators at Union and national level should be set out in an Annex to this Regulation.

(40) For reasons of transparency, and to ensure uniform implementation by all Member States, the methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two Union and two national 2030 reduction targets and the methodology for the calculation of harmonised risk indicators at Union and national level should ***also*** be set out in an Annex to this Regulation.

**Amendment 54**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 41**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(41) The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 recognises the need for urgent action to protect biodiversity. There is evidence of a widespread reduction of species, in particular insects and pollinators, in the Union. Biodiversity loss is, amongst other factors, driven by the use of plant protection products, while Member States actions under current Union policy instruments have not yet been able to stop this trend of biodiversity loss. It is therefore essential to **ensure that** plant protection products are used in such a way as to **mitigate** the risk of harmful effects of such products on wildlife, through a number of measures including training, inspection of application equipment in professional use and protection of the aquatic environment and sensitive areas.

*Amendment*

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## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 46

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(46) In order to take into account technical progress and scientific developments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to amend the provisions on **obligations of professional users and advisors related to integrated pest management**, inspection of application equipment in professional use, calculation of harmonised risk indicators, the data to be provided in annual progress and implementation reports and the notification form in relation to application equipment as well as Annexes II III, IV, V

*Amendment*

(46) In order to take into account technical progress and scientific developments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to amend the provisions on, inspection of application equipment in professional use, calculation of harmonised risk indicators, the data to be provided in annual progress and implementation reports and the notification form in relation to application equipment as well as Annexes II III, IV, V and VI. Likewise, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the

and VI. Likewise, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to supplement this Regulation by specifying precise criteria in relation to certain factors regarding unmanned aircraft, once technical progress and scientific developments allow for the development of such precise criteria. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>76</sup>. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

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<sup>76</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

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<sup>76</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

## Amendment 56

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 46 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(46a) Farmers should be financially supported in complying with the obligations laid down in this Regulation, rewarded for their past and future efforts to reduce the use of chemical plant protection products and compensated fully for costs incurred in, and income forgone related to, introducing integrated pest management or complying with this Regulation. Therefore, Member States should ensure that sufficient resources***

*are provided, for example by establishing a state fund covering the costs incurred, and establish appropriate funding streams, where not yet available, both for direct aid to farmers but also for the funding of, inter alia, training and peer-to-peer exchange programmes, advice, insurance schemes against potential losses, and innovation partnerships with science and technology outreach, while transitioning to adapted practices. Such funding streams could include national contributions and approaches already taken in certain forerunner Member States, such as a hazard-based taxation on plant protection products, agrochemical producer contributions or State aid, in addition to existing sources of Union funding. To that end, the Commission should be tasked with closely monitoring and evaluating costs incurred and any loss of income for farmers in taking-up and making the transition to sustainable practices, to create a new Union funding instrument for transitioning and adaptation in the frame of the future Multiannual Financial Framework with a view to supporting farmers in their transition, and financing monitoring and other activities required for the implementation of this Regulation.*

## Amendment 57

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 47

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(47) In order to assess whether this Regulation reaches its objectives effectively and efficiently, is coherent and still relevant and provides added value at Union level the Commission should carry out *an evaluation* of this Regulation.

*Amendment*

(47) In order to assess whether this Regulation reaches its objectives effectively and efficiently, is coherent and still relevant and provides added value at Union level the Commission should carry out *regular evaluations* of this Regulation.

## Amendment 58

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 48 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(48a) In order to support the transition to sustainable food systems and to support the international agreement of the GBF, it is important to continue to strengthen the coherence between the European Green Deal, the Union's sectoral policies and the common trade policy. This coherence requires, in particular, better application of European production standards, in particular sanitary, phytosanitary, environmental and animal welfare standards, to imported products. A variety of tools exists for that purpose at multilateral, bilateral and autonomous levels, as noted in the Commission's report of June 2022, and has to be used in the relevant Regulations and their appropriate application ( Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on MRLs for instance). This Regulation should contribute to this coherence.***

## Amendment 59

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 48 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(48b) Target 7 of the GBF requires parties to tackle the risk of pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals.***

## Amendment 60

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 49

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Regulation by Member States will result in new and enhanced obligations for farmers and other pesticides users. Some of them constitute statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental conditions of land as listed in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>78</sup>, which, in accordance with that Regulation, farmers must comply with to receive CAP payments, whereas other requirements, which go beyond the baseline of mandatory requirements, may be rewarded with additional payments under voluntary regimes like eco-schemes pursuant to Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. ***Article 31(5), points (a) and (b), and Article 70(3), points (a) and (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 provide that the CAP funding is only available for practices implemented under an eco-scheme or agri-environmental-climate commitment which go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and the standards of good agricultural and environmental conditions of land established under that Regulation and the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare, as well as other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law.*** Since farmers and other users need to be financially supported in their transition toward a more sustainable use of pesticides, ***Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 needs to be amended to allow the financing of requirements imposed in accordance with this Regulation during a transitional period. This exceptional option for Member States to provide additional funding for measures taken in implementing this Regulation should apply to any obligation for farmers and other users resulting from the application of this Regulation, including compulsory farming practices imposed by the crop-specific rules for integrated pest***

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***management. Further, pursuant to Article 73(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, investments by farmers to comply with new requirements imposed by Union law may be supported for a maximum of 24 months from the date on which they become mandatory for the holding. Similarly, a longer transition period should be set out for investments complying with requirements imposed on farmers in accordance with this Regulation. Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 should therefore be amended accordingly.***

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<sup>78</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013, OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1.

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## **Amendment 61**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation lays down rules for the sustainable use of plant protection products **by** providing for the setting, and achievement by 2030, of reduction targets for the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, establishing requirements for use, storage, sale and disposal of plant protection products and for application equipment, **providing for** training and awareness raising, **and providing for implementation of integrated pest management.**

#### *Amendment*

This Regulation ***aims to reduce the risks for and impacts on human health and the environment of the use of plant protection products and to reduce dependency on plant protection products. It*** lays down rules for the sustainable use of plant protection products, ***while ensuring sustainable crop protection, by:***

*(a) providing for the setting, and achievement by 2030, of reduction targets for the use and risk of chemical plant protection products as well as the monitoring of progress made in achieving such targets;*

*(b) defining and laying down requirements for the implementation of integrated pest management;*

*(c) establishing measures to improve the authorisation procedure and placing on the market of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control, with the aim of lowering the negative impact of plant protection measures;*

*(d) establishing requirements for the use, storage, sale and disposal of plant protection products and for application equipment, worker protection, protection of the public, and training, independent advice, and awareness raising;*

*(e) establishing requirements for the monitoring of plant protection product residues and their metabolites in the environment and humans.*

## Amendment 62

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation shall apply to products, in the form in which they are supplied to the user, consisting of or containing active substances, safeners **or** synergists, and intended for one of the following uses:

##### *Amendment*

This Regulation shall apply to products, in the form in which they are supplied to the user, consisting of or containing active substances, safeners, synergists, **co-formulants or adjuvants**, and intended for one of the following uses:

## Amendment 63



## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 2 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***This Regulation shall not prevent Member States from applying the precautionary principle in restricting or prohibiting the use of plant protection products in specific circumstances or areas.***

## Amendment 64

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) ‘chemical plant protection product’ means a plant protection product containing a chemical active substance excluding ***plant products using natural means of biological origin or substances identical to them, such as micro-organisms, semiochemicals, extracts from plant products as defined in Article 3(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, or*** invertebrate macro-organisms;

(1) ‘chemical plant protection product’ means a plant protection product containing a chemical active substance excluding invertebrate macro-organisms ***and plant protection products containing solely active substances that exert biological control;***

## Amendment 65

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(3) ‘chemical active substance’ means an active substance other than ***a micro-organism, a semiochemical or an extracts from a plant product as defined in Article 3(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;***

(3) ‘chemical active substance’ means an active substance other than ***an active substance that exerts biological control ;***

## Amendment 66

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3a) ‘biocidal product’ means a biocidal product as defined in Article 3(1), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012;**

**Amendment 67**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3b) ‘metabolite’ means any metabolite as defined in Article 3(32) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;**

**Amendment 68**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(5) ‘more hazardous plant protection product’ means a plant protection product containing one or more active substances approved as candidates for substitution in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and listed in Part E of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, or containing one or more active substances listed in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408;

(5) ‘more hazardous plant protection product’ means a plant protection product containing one or more active substances approved as candidates for substitution in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and listed in Part E of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, or **meeting one or more of the criteria set out in point 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009**, or containing one or more active substances listed in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408;

**Amendment 69**

**Proposal for a regulation**

### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) ‘professional user’ means any person who uses a plant protection product in the course of their professional activities;

*Amendment*

(7) ‘professional user’ means any person who uses a plant protection product in the course of their professional activities, ***including operators, technicians, employers, self-employed people and employees, in the farming, forestry and other sectors;***

### Amendment 70

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8a) 'economic operator' means any company selling products that has been subject to the use of plant protection products in the course of their manufacturing, including food processing industries and retailers;***

### Amendment 71

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 8 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8b) 'manufacturer' means a person who manufactures plant protection products, active substances, safeners, synergists, co-formulants or adjuvants on their own, or who contracts such manufacturing to another party, or a person designated by the manufacturer as the manufacturer's sole representative for the purpose of compliance with this Regulation;***

### Amendment 72

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) ‘**unmanned** aircraft’ means any aircraft operating or designed to operate autonomously or to be piloted remotely without a pilot on board;

*Amendment*

(13) ‘**uncrewed** aircraft’ means any aircraft operating or designed to operate autonomously or to be piloted remotely **by a professional user** without a pilot on board;

**Amendment 73**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) ‘integrated pest management’ **means** careful consideration of all available **means** that discourage the development of populations **of harmful organisms, while keeping** the use of chemical plant protection products to levels that are economically and ecologically justified **and minimise** risks to human health and the environment;

*Amendment*

(15) ‘integrated pest management’ **means** **the** careful consideration of all available **pest control techniques and subsequent use of appropriate measures** that discourage the development of **pest** populations; **it combines physical, biological, chemical, cultural/variatal, and crop-specific management strategies and practices to grow healthy crops and minimise** the use of chemical plant protection products to levels that are economically and ecologically justified, **thereby also minimising risks such products pose** to human health and the environment;

**Amendment 74**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) an area used by the general public, such as **a public park or garden**, recreation **or sports** grounds, **or a public path**;

*Amendment*

(a) an area used by the general public such as public **parks, gardens**, recreation grounds **and public paths, and areas used predominantly by vulnerable groups as defined in Article 3(14) of Regulation**

*(EC) No 1107/2009, such as schools and playgrounds;*

#### **Amendment 75**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(b) an area used predominantly by a vulnerable group as defined in Article 3(14) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;*** ***deleted***

#### **Amendment 76**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(d) an urban area covered by a watercourse or water feature;*** ***deleted***

#### **Amendment 77**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(e) non-productive areas as defined under the EU standards on good agricultural and environmental condition of land (GAEC), GAEC standard 8 listed in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.*** ***deleted***

#### **Amendment 78**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point f – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) **an** ecologically sensitive **area**, which means any of the following:

(f) ecologically sensitive **areas**, which means any of the following:

### Amendment 79

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point f – point i

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(i) any protected area under Directive 2000/60/EC, including possible safeguard zones as well as modifications of those areas following the risk assessment results for drinking water abstraction points under Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>81</sup> ;

(i) any protected area under **Annex IV, point (1), point (i), to** Directive 2000/60/EC, including possible safeguard zones as well as modifications of those areas following the risk assessment results for drinking water abstraction points under Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>81</sup> ;

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<sup>81</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1).

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<sup>81</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1).

### Amendment 80

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point f – point ii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ii) sites of Community importance in the list referred to in Article 4(2) of Directive 92/43/EEC and the special areas of conservation designated in accordance with Article 4(4) of that Directive, and special protection areas classified pursuant to Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC, **and any other national, regional, or local protected area reported by the Member**

(ii) sites of Community importance in the list referred to in Article 4(2) of Directive 92/43/EEC and the special areas of conservation designated in accordance with Article 4(4) of that Directive, and special protection areas classified pursuant to Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC;

*States to the Nationally designated protected areas inventory (CDDA);*

## **Amendment 81**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point f – point ii a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(iia) any other national, regional or local protected area not listed under point (ii) and reported by the Member States to the Nationally designated protected areas inventory (CDDA);*

## **Amendment 82**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 21**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(21) ‘risk indicator’ means a measurement indicating the relative change in risks for human health or the environment associated with the use of plant protection products, and calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex VI;

(21) ‘risk indicator’ means a measurement indicating the relative change in risks for human health, ***non-target organisms*** or the environment associated with the use of plant protection products, and calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex VI;

## **Amendment 83**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 22**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(22) ‘non-chemical methods’ means ***alternatives*** to chemical plant protection products;

(22) ‘non-chemical methods’ means ***alternative methods to the use of*** chemical plant protection products, ***based on agronomic techniques such as wide crop rotation and intercropping, and physical, mechanical or biological pest control***

*methods, including those based on the use of synthetic pheromones and semiochemicals;*

#### **Amendment 84**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) ‘biological control’ means the control of organisms harmful to plants or plant products using *natural means of biological origin or substances identical to them, such as micro-organisms, semiochemicals, extracts from plant products as defined in Article 3(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, or invertebrate macro-organisms.*

*Amendment*

(23) ‘biological control’ means the control of organisms harmful to plants or plant products using invertebrate macro-organisms *or an active substance that exerts biological control;*

#### **Amendment 85**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(23a) ‘active substance that exerts biological control’ means an active substance that is:*

- (a) a living micro-organism,*
- (b) naturally occurring, with the exception of heavy metals and their salts, or*
- (c) if synthesized, identical to a naturally occurring substance as referred to in Annex -I.*

#### **Amendment 86**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23 b (new)**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(23b) ‘organic farming’ means farming practices in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2018/848;**

## **Amendment 87**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(23c) ‘competent authority’ means any authority or authorities of a Member State responsible for carrying out the tasks established under this Regulation;**

## **Amendment 88**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(23d) ‘occupational disease’ means work-related health problems and illnesses which can be caused, worsened or partly caused by working conditions; it includes physical and psychosocial health problems as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008;**

## **Amendment 89**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 23 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(23e) ‘preparations’ means mixtures or solutions composed of two or more substances intended for use as a plant protection product or as an adjuvant;**

## Amendment 90

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Each Member State shall contribute, through the adoption and achievement of national targets in accordance with Article 5 to achieving by 2030 a 50 % Union-wide reduction of **both** the use and risk of chemical plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 1') and the use of more hazardous plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 2'), compared to the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** (collectively referred to as 'the Union 2030 reduction targets').

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall contribute, through the adoption and achievement of national targets in accordance with Article 5, to achieving by 2030 **at least** a 50 % Union-wide reduction of the use and risk of chemical plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 1') and **a 65% Union-wide reduction of** the use of more hazardous plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 2'), compared to the average of the years **2013 to 2017** (collectively referred to as 'the Union 2030 reduction targets').

## Amendment 91

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Progress towards achieving the Union **2030** reduction targets shall be calculated annually by the Commission in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

*Amendment*

2. Progress towards achieving the Union reduction targets shall be calculated annually by the Commission in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

## Amendment 92

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2a. For the purpose of achieving Union 2030 reduction target 1, the Commission shall, as part of the list of approved active substances established under Article 13(4)**

*of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, indicate for each active substance whether it is to be considered a chemical active substance.*

## Amendment 93

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 4a*

*Union 2030 target for reducing risk of plant protection products through replacement with low-risk and biological control alternatives*

- 1. By ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month 6 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] the Commission shall set a Union 2030 target for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control.*
- 2. Following consultation of stakeholders and based on the best available technical and market information, the Commission shall set the target referred to in paragraph 1 at a level which the Commission deems both ambitious and achievable. The target shall be set from a baseline period of the 3 calendar years preceding the entry into force of this Regulation.*
- 3. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40, to supplement this Regulation by establishing a methodology for calculating the Union 2030 target for sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control, and the level at which that 2030 Union target is set. The methodology shall be designed to enable a switch from sales figures to data on the use of those plant protection products once the data-gathering provisions of*

*Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 enter into force.*

*4. The Commission shall take all appropriate measures to achieve the Union 2030 target for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control.*

*5. The Commission shall assess, on a yearly basis, the technical progress and scientific developments with regard to biological control. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 to amend this Regulation, where appropriate, by adding categories to Annex -I in order to take technical progress and scientific developments into account.*

#### **Amendment 94**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States **2030** reduction targets for chemical plant protection products

*Amendment*

Member States reduction targets for chemical plant protection products

#### **Amendment 95**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By ... [OP: please insert the date – 6 months after the date of application of this Regulation] each Member State shall adopt national targets in its national legislation to achieve by 2030 a reduction set in accordance with this Article, from the average of the years **2015, 2016 and** 2017, of the following:

*Amendment*

By ... [OP: please insert the date – 6 months after the date of application of this Regulation] each Member State shall adopt national targets in its national legislation to achieve by 2030 a reduction set in accordance with this Article, from the average of the years **2013 to** 2017, of the following:

## Amendment 96

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the use and risk of chemical plant protection products as defined in Annex I ('national **2030** reduction target 1');

*Amendment*

(a) the use and risk of chemical plant protection products as defined in Annex I ('national reduction target 1');

## Amendment 97

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) the use of more hazardous plant protection products as defined in Annex I ('national **2030** reduction target 2').

*Amendment*

(b) the use of more hazardous plant protection products as defined in Annex I ('national reduction target 2').

## Amendment 98

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the two national reduction targets listed in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph, are collectively referred to as the 'national **2030** reduction targets'.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the two national reduction targets listed in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph, are collectively referred to as the 'national reduction targets'.

## Amendment 99

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The progress of each Member State

*Amendment*

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towards achieving the national **2030** reduction targets shall be calculated annually by the Commission in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

towards achieving the national reduction targets shall be calculated annually by the Commission in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

## Amendment 100

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Each Member State shall reach the targets referred to in paragraph 1 by 2030. A Member State that reaches the level of one of its **2030** national reduction targets before 2030 shall not be required to undertake additional reduction efforts. It shall monitor annual fluctuations in order to maintain the progress achieved in relation to that **2030** national reduction target.

#### *Amendment*

3. Each Member State shall reach the targets referred to in paragraph 1 by 2030, **while taking into account economic, social and environmental sustainability, long-term food security and food sovereignty**. A Member State that reaches the level of one of its national reduction targets before 2030 shall not be required to undertake additional reduction efforts. It shall monitor annual fluctuations in order to maintain the progress achieved in relation to that national reduction target.

## Amendment 101

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Subject to paragraphs 5 to 8, the national **2030** reduction targets shall be set at such level so as to achieve a reduction between the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** and the year 2030 in the relevant Member State that at least equals 50%.

#### *Amendment*

4. Subject to paragraphs 5 to 8, the national reduction targets shall be set at such **a** level so as to achieve a reduction between the average of the years **2013 to 2017** and the year 2030 in the relevant Member State that at least equals 50% **for the national reduction target 1, and at least 65% for the national reduction target 2, so as to ensure that chemical plant protection products are only used where necessary and where no viable alternatives exist**.

## Amendment 102

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point -a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(-a) 15% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years 2013 to 2017 is less than 35% of the Union average;***

## Amendment 103

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) 35% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** is less than 70% of the Union average;

(a) 35% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2013 to 2017** is less than 70% of the Union average;

## Amendment 104

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) 50% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** is between 70% and 140% of the Union average;

(b) 50% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2013 to 2017** is between 70% and 140% of the Union average;

## Amendment 105

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) 65% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** is more than 140% of the Union average.

*Amendment*

(c) 65% where a Member State's weighted intensity of use and risk of chemical plant protection products during the average of the years **2013 to 2017** is more than 140% of the Union average.

**Amendment 106**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

A Member State may reduce its national target for the use of the more hazardous plant protection products referred to in paragraph 4 to a percentage that is a mid-point between the figure related to intensity as laid down in the second subparagraph of this paragraph and the figure related to use as laid down in the third subparagraph of this paragraph. Where that percentage is higher than **50%**, the Member State shall increase its national target to that percentage.

*Amendment*

A Member State may reduce its national target for the use of the more hazardous plant protection products referred to in paragraph 4 to a percentage that is a mid-point between the figure related to intensity as laid down in the second subparagraph of this paragraph and the figure related to use as laid down in the third subparagraph of this paragraph. Where that percentage is higher than **65%**, the Member State shall increase its national target to that percentage.

**Amendment 107**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point -a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(-a) 25% where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years 2013 to 2017 is less than 35% of the Union average;***



## Amendment 108

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) **35%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** is less than 70% of the Union average;

*Amendment*

(a) **50%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **2013 to 2017** is less than 70% of the Union average;

## Amendment 109

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) **50%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** **is** between 70% and 140% of the Union average;

*Amendment*

(b) **65%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **is 2013 to 2017** between 70% and 140% of the Union average;

## Amendment 110

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) **65%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **2015, 2016 and 2017** **is** more than 140% of the Union average.

*Amendment*

(c) **80%** where a Member State's intensity of use of the more hazardous plant protection products during the average of the years **is 2013 to 2017** more than 140% of the Union average.

## Amendment 111

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 3 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) where a Member State has achieved a greater reduction in the use of the more hazardous plant protection products than the Union average between the average of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the average of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, a figure that is established by subtracting from **50%** the difference between the reduction achieved and the Union average reduction;

*Amendment*

(a) where a Member State has achieved a greater reduction in the use of the more hazardous plant protection products than the Union average between the average of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the average of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, a figure that is established by subtracting from **65%** the difference between the reduction achieved and the Union average reduction;

## Amendment 112

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 5 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 3 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) where a Member State has increased the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, or has made a smaller reduction than the Union average between the average of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the average of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, a figure that is established by adding to **50%** the difference between the reduction or, as applicable, increase achieved and the Union average reduction, **but without surpassing 70%**.

*Amendment*

(b) where a Member State has increased the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, or has made a smaller reduction than the Union average between the average of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the average of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, a figure that is established by adding to **65%** the difference between the reduction or, as applicable, increase achieved and the Union average reduction.

## Amendment 113

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 5 – paragraph 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. Member States with outermost regions, as listed in Article 349 of the Treaty, may take into account the specific

*Amendment*

7. Member States with outermost regions, as listed in Article 349 of the Treaty, may take into account the specific

needs of these regions as regards the use of plant protection products when adopting national **2030** reduction targets, due to the particular climatic conditions and crops in these regions.

needs of these regions as regards the use of plant protection products when adopting national reduction targets, due to the particular climatic conditions and crops in these regions, ***while also taking into account the risks to and effects on human health and the environment from the use of chemical plant protection products.***

## Amendment 114

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 8

*Text proposed by the Commission*

8. In no case may the application of paragraph 5, paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 result in ***either of the 2030*** national reduction targets being lower than **35%**.

*Amendment*

8. In no case may the application of paragraph 5, paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 result in ***the*** national reduction targets being lower than ***15% for chemical plant protection products and 25% for more hazardous plant protection products.***

## Amendment 115

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 9

*Text proposed by the Commission*

9. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 7 months after the date of application of this Regulation], each Member State shall communicate its national **2030** reduction targets to the Commission.

*Amendment*

9. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 7 months after the date of application of this Regulation], each Member State shall communicate its national reduction targets to the Commission ***and make those national targets public.***

## Amendment 116

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

10. If a Member State fails to adopt *a* national **2030** reduction *target* by ... [OJ: please insert the date –6 months after the date of application of this Regulation], that target shall be deemed to be either 50%; or, where the percentage would be above 50% in accordance with paragraph 5 or paragraph 6, that higher percentage.

10. If a Member State fails to adopt national reduction *targets* by ... [OJ: please insert the date –6 months after the date of application of this Regulation], that target shall be deemed to be either 50% *for the reduction of the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and 65% for the use of more hazardous plant protection products*; or, where the percentage would be above 50% *or 65% respectively* in accordance with paragraph 5 or paragraph 6, that higher percentage.

## Amendment 117

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 5a*

*Member States' 2030 target for reducing the risk of plant protection products through replacement with low-risk and biological control alternatives*

1. *By ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month following 12 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] each Member State shall set national 2030 targets for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control agents, in accordance with the methodology adopted under the act referred to in Article 4a. The targets shall be set from a baseline period of the three calendar years preceding the entry into force of this Regulation.*

2. *Each Member State shall reach the targets referred to in paragraph 1 by 2030. It shall monitor annual fluctuations in order to maintain the progress achieved in relation to the 2030 target for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control agents. A Member State that*

*reaches one of its 2030 national targets for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control shall not be required to undertake additional efforts in that regard.*

*3. The Commission shall assess the level of the national 2030 targets of each Member State as set under paragraph 1 of this Article and verify whether they are set at a level to achieve the Union 2030 target for increasing the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and biological control agents as set out in Article 4a.*

## Amendment 118

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The Commission shall review the national **2030** reduction targets communicated to it in accordance with Article 5(9) and the information explaining any lowering of targets made in accordance with Article 5(5) or Article 5(6).

*Amendment*

1. The Commission shall review **and assess** the national reduction targets communicated to it in accordance with Article 5(9) and the information explaining any lowering of targets made in accordance with Article 5(5) or Article 5(6). **On the basis of that assessment, the Commission shall verify whether the national reduction targets communicated by each Member State need to be set at a more ambitious level, and whether their average equals at least 50% for Union 2030 reduction target 1, and 65% for Union 2030 reduction target 2.**

## Amendment 119

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. **Where the Commission concludes, on the basis of the information made**

*Amendment*

2. **If the average of the national reduction targets of all Member States is**

*available to it, that* the national 2030 reduction targets *communicated by a Member State need to be set at a more ambitious level, it* shall, by ... [OP: please insert the date – *1 year* after the date of application of this Regulation], recommend that Member *State to* increase the level of *its* national 2030 reduction targets. The Commission shall make *that* recommendation public.

*lower than 50% for Union 2030 reduction target 1 or 65% for Union 2030 reduction target 2, the Commission* shall, by... [OP: please insert the date – *12 months* after the date of application of this Regulation], recommend that *one or more* Member *States* increase the level of *their* national *reduction targets in order to achieve the Union* 2030 reduction targets. The Commission shall make *any such* recommendation public, *including on the website referred to in Article 7.*

## Amendment 120

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. *Where* a Member State *adjusts its national 2030 reduction targets as recommended by the Commission, it* shall *amend the national targets set in its national legislation in accordance with Article 5 and include the adjusted targets in its national action plan together with the Commission’s recommendation.*

*Amendment*

3. *Within 3 months of receiving the recommendation referred to in paragraph 2, a Member State shall take one of the following actions:*

## Amendment 121

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 3 – point a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) *adjust its national reduction targets as recommended by the Commission, amend the national targets set in its national law in accordance with Article 5 and include the adjusted targets in its national action plan together with the Commission recommendation;*

## Amendment 122

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 3 – point b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(b) provide justifications for not adjusting its national reduction targets as recommended by the Commission, and include the justifications for such decision in its national action plan together with the Commission recommendation.***

## Amendment 123

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4. Where a Member States decides not to adjust its national 2030 reduction targets, as recommended by the Commission, it shall include the justifications for such decision in its national action plan together with the text of the recommendation.***

***deleted***

## Amendment 124

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***5. Member States which have received a Commission recommendation referred to in paragraph 2 shall communicate the adjusted targets, or their justification for not adjusting them, as applicable, to the Commission by... [OP: please insert the date – 18 months after the date of application of this Regulation].***

***5. The Commission shall examine the justifications given by a Member State that did not adjust its targets as recommended, and make its assessment public no later than 4 months after the Member State concerned has communicated its decision and justifications. The Commission may recommend further specifications or***

*follow-up action.*

## Amendment 125

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**6. Having assessed the level of national 2030 reduction targets of all Member States set in accordance with Article 5, the Commission shall verify whether their average at least equals 50% so as to achieve the corresponding Union 2030 reduction target.**

*deleted*

## Amendment 126

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**7. If the average of national 2030 reduction targets of all Member States is lower than 50%, the Commission shall recommend that one or more Member States increase the level of their national 2030 reduction targets in order to achieve the Union 2030 reduction targets. The Commission shall make any such recommendation public.**

*deleted*

## Amendment 127

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 8

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**8. Within one month of receiving the recommendation referred to in paragraph 7, a Member State shall take one of the**

*deleted*



*following actions:*

*(a) adjust its national 2030 reduction targets as recommended by the Commission, amend the national targets set in its national legislation in accordance with Article 5 and include the adjusted targets in its national action plan together with the Commission recommendation;*

*(b) provide justifications for not adjusting its national 2030 reduction targets as recommended by the Commission, and include the justifications for such decision in its national action plan together with the Commission recommendation.*

## **Amendment 128**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 6a*

##### *Integral environmental indicators for plant protection measures*

*1. Member States may develop, in close cooperation with independent scientists, civil society, stakeholders and relevant authorities and based on the best available science, one or more indicators for the integral assessment of the environmental impact of plant protection measures. Those indicators shall, inter alia, take into account at least two of the following aspects:*

*(a) the exposure of soil, water and air to plant protection products and their metabolites, and the impacts of such products on those resources;*

*(b) the exposure of non-target species, such as pollinators, insects, birds, mammals and the soil biome to plant protection products and their metabolites,*

*and the impacts of such products on those species;*

*(c) the exposure of humans to plant protection products and their metabolites, and the impacts of such products on human health,*

*(d) the measures that professional users apply to reduce the environmental impact of plant protection products;*

*(e) the dosage, frequency, composition and application method for the plant protection products used;*

*(f) where available, the results of the environmental monitoring on the residues of plant protection products and their metabolites carried out under Article 23a;*

*2. The Commission shall review the proposals for integral indicators made by a Member State under this article. Where the aspects laid down in paragraph 1 are taken into account, the Commission may approve the indicator or indicators.*

*3. When analysing progress towards achieving the national targets and, where relevant, recommending additional measures in accordance with Article 11, the Commission shall, where available, take into account the integral environmental indicator or indicators referred to in paragraph 2.*

## **Amendment 129**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Publication of Union and national **2030** reduction targets trends by the Commission

*Amendment*

Publication of Union and national reduction targets trends by the Commission

## **Amendment 130**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 7 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By 31 **August** of each calendar year, the Commission shall publish on a website the average trends in progress towards achieving the Union 2030 reduction targets. These trends shall be calculated as the difference between the average of the years **2015-2017** and the year ending 20 months prior to the publication. The trends shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

*Amendment*

1. By 31 **December** of each calendar year, the Commission shall publish on a website the average trends in progress towards achieving the Union 2030 reduction targets. These trends shall be calculated as the difference between the average of the years **2013 to 2017** and the year ending 20 months prior to the publication. The trends shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I **and provide insight in the progress in relation to reducing the use of plant protection products on the most relevant crops, as well as on the annual changes as regards the quantity sold. Member States shall be given the possibility of publically commenting on the information the Commission publishes on its website.**

**Amendment 131**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 7 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. By 31 **August** of each calendar year, the Commission shall publish information for each Member State on trends in progress towards achieving the national **2030** reduction targets. These trends shall be calculated as the difference between the average of the years **2015-2017** and the year ending 20 months prior to the publication. The trends shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I, on the website referred to in paragraph 1.

*Amendment*

3. By 31 **December** of each calendar year, the Commission shall publish information for each Member State on trends in progress towards achieving the national reduction targets. These trends shall be calculated as the difference between the average of the years **2013 to 2017** and the year ending 20 months prior to the publication. The trends shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I, **and published** on the website referred to in paragraph 1.

## Amendment 132

### Proposal for a regulation Chapter III – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

*Amendment*

NATIONAL ACTION PLANS **AND  
PROVISION OF INFORMATION**

## Amendment 133

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By ... [OP: please insert the date – 18 months after the ***date of application*** of this Regulation] each Member State shall draft and publish on a website a national action plan ***containing*** the following information:

*Amendment*

By ... [OP: please insert the date – 18 months after the ***entry into force*** of this Regulation] each Member State shall draft and publish on a website a national action plan ***to set out their quantitative targets, measures and timelines in order to reduce the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and to encourage the uptake of integrated pest management. National Action Plans shall contain, at least,*** the following information:

## Amendment 134

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the national ***2030*** reduction targets adopted in accordance with Chapter II;

*Amendment*

(a) the national reduction targets adopted in accordance with Chapter II;

## Amendment 135

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) information related to national **2030** reduction targets as set out in Article 9;

(b) information related to national reduction targets as set out in Article 9;

### **Amendment 136**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) the national 2030 target for reducing the risk of plant protection products through replacement with low-risk plant protection products and biological control adopted in accordance with Chapter II;***

### **Amendment 137**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) details of planned progress in relation to the elements relevant for the implementation of this Regulation listed in Part 2 of Annex II;

(c) ***timelines for and*** details of planned progress in relation to the elements relevant for the implementation of this Regulation listed in Part 2 of Annex II;

### **Amendment 138**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ca) where a Member State chooses to adopt an indicator to measure the environmental impact of plant protection measures in line with Article 6a, the Member State shall include in its plans:***

- (i) *detailed scientific explanations on the development and functioning of the proposed indicator;*
- (ii) *detailed information on how this indicator relates to the calculation method for reducing the risk and use of chemical plant protection products as set out in Annex I and the Harmonised Risk Indicator 1 as set out in Annex VI in order to enable the different indicators to be compared;*

## Amendment 139

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) a link to the relevant parts of CAP strategic plans, drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, which set out plans for an increase in the utilised agricultural area engaged in organic farming and how the plans will contribute to achieving ***the target set out in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system<sup>84</sup> of having 25% of the utilised agricultural area devoted to organic farming by 2030;***

*Amendment*

(d) a link to the relevant parts of CAP strategic plans, drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, which set out plans for an increase in the utilised agricultural area engaged in organic farming and how the plans will contribute to achieving ***all objectives*** of the Farm to Fork Strategy ***while optimising the contributions of other sustainable production methods, and which support the implementation of integrated pest management, such as strengthening knowledge exchange and the roll-out of independent farm advisory services, risk management and related investments;***

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<sup>84</sup> *Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system (COM/2020/381 final).*

## Amendment 140

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) information on substances, the frequency and volume of use of chemical plant protection products used by the rail infrastructure operators, including for railways and tramways, on Member States' territories and planned measures to increase the use of safe alternatives to synthetic herbicides, specifically in densely inhabited areas, based on a specific timeline;***

## Amendment 141

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point f

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) information on the estimated annual amounts of plant protection products illegally used or seized via antifraud operations during the preceding 3 years and ***any*** planned ***related*** measures;

(f) information on the estimated annual amounts of plant protection products illegally used or seized via antifraud operations during the preceding 3 years and planned measures ***to address such illegal use;***

## Amendment 142

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point g

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(g) national measures for encouraging the use of non-chemical methods by professional users through financial incentives, in accordance with Union legislation on State aid;

(g) national measures for encouraging the use of non-chemical methods ***and a reduction of the environmental impact of chemical plant protection products*** by professional users through financial incentives, in accordance with Union legislation on State aid;

## Amendment 143

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point h

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(h) planned and adopted measures to support, *or* ensure through binding requirements laid down in national law, innovation and the development and use of non-chemical pest control methods;

*Amendment*

(h) planned and adopted measures to support *and* ensure, through binding requirements laid down in national law, *access to locally adapted and resilient varieties/cultivars*, innovation and the development and use of non-chemical pest control methods, *and methods to reduce the environmental impact of those chemical methods that may continue to be used, as well as timelines for the implementation of those measures*;

## Amendment 144

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point h a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ha) planned and adopted measures to:*

*(i) contribute to accelerating the introduction on the market of low-risk plant protection products, non-chemical methods of plant protection and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control, particularly as regards ensuring sufficient levels of expertise, staffing and budgetary allocation to meet legal deadlines where Member State competent authorities serve as rapporteur in the approval of active substances and for the authorisation of the respective plant protection products;*

*ii) improve the implementation of the system of mutual recognition of Member State authorisations in accordance with Article 40 of Regulation (EC) No*



*1107/2009; and*

*iii) facilitate the submission of applications to extend the authorisation of already authorised plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control to minor uses.*

## **Amendment 145**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point h b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(hb) planned and adopted programmes targeted at the supply chain of agricultural products and aiming to ensure that farmers can receive a price premium for their products based on the reduced environmental impact of plant protection measures and to foster the involvement of buyers of agricultural commodities as defined in Directive 2019/633/EC\* in the implementation of the reduction targets, including measures to develop new value chains and new commercialisation opportunities for farmers with a view to supporting the implementation of integrated pest management in particular crop rotation and diversification;*

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*\* Directive (EU) 2019/633 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain (OJ L 111, 25.4.2019, p. 59).*

## **Amendment 146**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point h c (new)**

*(hc) planned and adopted measures to support plant breeding with the aim of developing crops that are more resistant to pests;*

## **Amendment 147**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(i) *other* planned and adopted measures to support, *or* ensure through binding requirements laid down in national law, the ***sustainable use of plant protection products in line with*** integrated pest management principles, including *those contained in* crop-specific rules *as* set out in Article 15(1).

(i) planned and adopted measures to support ***and*** ensure, through binding requirements laid down in national law, the ***uptake of*** integrated pest management principles ***in accordance with Article 13*** including *the* crop-specific rules set out in Article 15(1), ***as well as an annual budget plan demonstrating that there are sufficient financial resources for implementing integrated pest management, such as support for farmers and training, the development of teaching contents and investments in research and development, as well as concepts of how the funds will be spent.***

## **Amendment 148**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ia) an assessment of the functioning of its national competent authority as designated under Article 75 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, and following that assessment, planned and adopted measures to improve the authorisation procedure for plant protection products, including with regard to funding, and in particular to improve the authorisation***

*for low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control;*

#### **Amendment 149**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ib) progress in substituting the most hazardous chemicals, including the comparative assessments that are planned in accordance with Article 50 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;*

#### **Amendment 150**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ic) planned and adopted measures in the setting up of an independent advisory system in accordance with Article 26;*

#### **Amendment 151**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(id) planned and adopted measures necessary for introducing comprehensive monitoring of residues of plant protection products and their metabolites in the environment and humans, and for contributing to the implementation of a Union-wide harmonised monitoring*

*framework, as referred to in Article 23a.*

## **Amendment 152**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ie) planned and adopted measures to effectively reduce emissions from the use of chemical plant protection products to soil, water and air and to mitigate drift on neighbouring crops, including those under organic farming;*

## **Amendment 153**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i f (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(if) planned and adopted measures to effectively protect the public, including vulnerable groups and rural residents against exposure to chemical plant protection products. Those measures may include the setting of additional buffer zones and drift-reduction measures such as planting hedges around areas frequented by vulnerable groups, such as nurseries and hospitals;*

## **Amendment 154**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i g (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ig) planned and adopted measures to ensure effective communication between professional users and neighbouring*

*rural residents on planned application of chemical plant protection products and measures rural residents can take to reduce their exposure.*

## Amendment 155

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Each Member State shall review its national action plan at least every 3 years from the first publication. *As a result of the* review a Member State *may* amend its national action plan. Member States shall publish amended versions of their national action plans and shall provide amended national action plans to the Commission without delay.

*Amendment*

Each Member State shall review its national action plan at least every 3 years from the first publication. *If a* review *provides grounds for doing so*, a Member State *shall* amend its national action plan *accordingly*. Member States shall publish amended versions of their national action plans and shall provide amended national action plans to the Commission without delay.

## Amendment 156

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The updated versions of national action plans published until and including 2030 shall contain the information listed in the first subparagraph, *points (a) to (i)*.

*Amendment*

The updated versions of national action plans published until and including 2030 shall contain the information listed in the first subparagraph.

## Amendment 157

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The updated versions of national action plans published after 2030 shall contain the

*Amendment*

The updated versions of national action plans published after 2030 shall contain the

information listed in the first subparagraph, points (c) to **(i)**.

information listed in the first subparagraph, points (c) to **(ih)**.

## Amendment 158

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States may implement further targets or measures in addition to those provided for in this Regulation.***

## Amendment 159

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. Each Member State shall carry out a public consultation process ***prior to the adoption or*** modification of its national action plan in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>85</sup>.

2. Each Member State shall carry out a public consultation process ***and ensure that relevant stakeholders, in particular small-scale professional users and their representative organisations, authorities and the general public have the opportunity to participate in the development and any subsequent*** modification of its national action plan in accordance with the requirements of Directive ***2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>84a</sup> or, if relevant, Directive*** 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>85</sup>. ***The contributions to the public consultation shall be made public in their entirety.***

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<sup>84a</sup> ***Directive 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 providing for public participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment and amending with regard to***

***public participation and access to justice  
Council Directives 85/337/EEC and  
96/61/EC (OJ L 156, 25.06.2003, p. 17)***

<sup>85</sup> Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (OJ L 197, 21.7.2001, p. 30).

<sup>85</sup> Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (OJ L 197, 21.7.2001, p. 30).

## **Amendment 160**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. National action plans shall contain a summary of the public consultation process carried out before their adoption and list authorities responsible for their implementation.

*Amendment*

3. National action plans shall contain a summary of the public consultation process carried out before their adoption, ***describe how the contributions to the public consultation have been taken into account***, and list authorities responsible for their implementation.

## **Amendment 161**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. National action plans shall be consistent with the plans of Member States drawn-up in accordance with Directives 91/676/EEC, 92/43/EEC, 2000/60/EC, 2008/50/EC, 2009/147/EC and (EU) 2016/2284 and Regulation xxx/xxx on nature restoration [reference to adopted act to be inserted], be consistent with the CAP Strategic Plans drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and shall contain explanations how the national action plan is consistent with those plans.

*Amendment*

4. National action plans shall be consistent with the plans of Member States drawn-up in accordance with Directives 91/676/EEC, 92/43/EEC, 2000/60/EC, 2008/50/EC, 2009/147/EC and (EU) 2016/2284, and Regulation xxx/xxx on nature restoration [reference to adopted act to be inserted], be consistent with the CAP Strategic Plans drawn-up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and shall contain explanations how the national action plan is consistent with those plans. ***National action plans shall also identify where implementation of sectoral***

*legislation hampers reaching of the targets of this Regulation.*

## Amendment 162

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Member States with outermost regions **may take** measures tailored to these regions **in their national action plans taking** into account the particular needs related to the specific climatic conditions and crops in these regions.

*Amendment*

5. Member States with outermost regions **shall include in their national action plans a territorial action plan for each of those regions which is in line with the objectives of this Regulation, containing** measures tailored to these regions, **to take** into account the particular needs related to the specific climatic conditions and crops in these regions **and the risks to and effects on human health and the environment from the use of plant protection products.**

## Amendment 163

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**5a. Where regional targets and plans for the reduction of the use and risk of plant protection products already exist, Member States shall consider those regional reduction targets and plans in their national target setting and counting, and integrate them into their National Action Plans.**

**This shall not preclude regional authorities from setting more ambitious reduction targets for their territory than provided for in this Regulation. Member States are encouraged to plan for the reduction effort to be spread across the whole of their territory, where feasible.**



## Amendment 164

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Information on national **2030** reduction targets in national action plans

*Amendment*

Information on national reduction targets in national action plans

## Amendment 165

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) a list of at least the **5** active substances that most strongly influence the trend in the reduction in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, and **of** the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, as determined by applying the methodology set out in Annex I, during the **3** years preceding the adoption of the national action plan;

*Amendment*

(a) a list of at least the **10** active substances that most strongly influence the trend in the reduction in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, and **a list of at least the 10 active substances that most strongly influence the trend in** the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, as determined by applying the methodology set out in Annex I, during the **5** years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, **as well as the number and content of the comparative assessments that have been performed in accordance with Article 50 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 prior to the authorisation of those more hazardous plant protection products;**

## Amendment 166

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point d

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) for each of the pests referred to in

*Amendment*

(d) for each of the pests referred to in

point (c), a list of non-chemical methods *used* or likely to be available by 2030.

point (c), a list of *preventative and* non-chemical methods *and of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control that are available* or likely to be available by 2030 *and the most effective combinations of these indicating their level of efficiency and level of performance in comparison to other chemical methods, and a list of current or expected lack of alternatives.*

#### Amendment 167

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(da) where appropriate, for the non-chemical methods referred to in point (d), a financial scheme to ensure availability and enable uptake by professional users;*

#### Amendment 168

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(db) a link to the relevant parts of the CAP Strategic Plans established pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, which include plans for increasing the agricultural area utilised for organic farming.*

#### Amendment 169

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. For each non-chemical method listed in accordance with paragraph 1, point (d), national action plans shall indicate all of the following:

*Amendment*

2. For each ***preventative, and non-chemical method and low-risk plant protection product and plant protection product containing solely active substances exerting biological control*** listed in accordance with paragraph 1, point (d), national action plans shall indicate all of the following:

## **Amendment 170**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the estimated scale of its use, based on data on the sale ***of*** plant protection products, surveys and expert judgement, during the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, together with a national ***indicative*** target for increasing its use by 2030 and a list of potential obstacles to achieving this increase;

*Amendment*

(a) the estimated scale of its use, based on data on the sale ***of those*** plant protection products, ***as well as*** surveys and expert judgement, during the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, together with a national target for increasing its use by 2030 and a list of potential obstacles to achieving this increase;

## **Amendment 171**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 3 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. In relation to at least the ***5*** crops that most strongly influenced the trend in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, and the trend in the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, as determined by applying the methodology set out in Annex I, during the ***3*** years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, the national action plan shall indicate ***all of*** the following:

*Amendment*

3. In relation to at least the ***10*** crops that most strongly influenced the trend in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, and ***to at least the 10 crops that most strongly influenced*** the trend in the use of the more hazardous plant protection products, as determined by applying the methodology set out in Annex I, during the ***5*** years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, the national action

plan shall indicate the following:

## Amendment 172

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 3 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the percentage of all plant protection products used on those crops which were biological controls during the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, together with the national *indicative* targets for increasing *that percentage* by 2030 and a list of the potential obstacles to achieving *that increased percentage*;

*Amendment*

(a) the percentage of all plant protection products used on those crops which were biological controls *or low-risk plant protection products* during the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan, together with the national targets for increasing *the overall sales for biological control agents and low-risk plant protection products* by 2030 *adopted in accordance with Article 5a* and a list of the potential obstacles to achieving *those targets*;

## Amendment 173

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. National action plans shall also include national *indicative* targets for increasing the *percentage of* overall sales of plant protection products *which are not chemical* plant protection products from a baseline period of the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan.

*Amendment*

4. National action plans shall also include *the* national targets for increasing the overall sales *and use* of plant protection products *containing solely active substances exerting biological control and low-risk* plant protection products *as established in accordance with Article 5a, as well as of other non-chemical methods*, from a baseline period of the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan.

## Amendment 174

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**Annual** progress and implementation reports

*Amendment*

Progress and implementation reports

**Amendment 175**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By 31 **August** every year, **but not sooner than** [OP: please insert the date – 30 months after the **date of application** of this Regulation], each Member State shall submit to the Commission an annual progress and implementation report containing the information listed in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. By 31 **December** every year, **starting from** [OP: please insert the date – 30 months after the **entry into force** of this Regulation], each Member State shall submit to the Commission an annual progress and implementation report containing **any changes with regard to the information listed in Article 8(1), and** the information listed in Annex II.

**Amendment 176**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) all trends in progress towards achieving the national **2030** reduction targets as set out in Part 1 of Annex II, calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I as the difference between the average of the years **2015-2017** and the year ending **20** months prior to the publication;

*Amendment*

(a) all trends in progress towards achieving the national reduction targets as set out in Part 1 of Annex II, calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I as the difference between the average of the years **2013 to 2017** and the year ending **12** months prior to the publication;

**Amendment 177**

**Proposal for a regulation**

## Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) all trends in progress towards achieving national *indicative* targets set out in Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), and Article 9(4) ), calculated annually as the difference between the extent of use in the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan in accordance with Article 9(1) and the calendar year ending **20** months prior to the publication of the relevant *annual* progress and implementation report;

*Amendment*

(b) all trends in progress towards achieving *the* national targets set out in **Article 5a**, Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), and Article 9(4), calculated annually as the difference between the extent of use *or overall sales* in the 3 calendar years preceding the adoption of the national action plan in accordance with Article 9(1) and the calendar year ending **12** months prior to the publication of the relevant progress and implementation report;

## Amendment 178

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) all trends with regard to the uptake of measures and other actions set out in Article 9(2), point (b);***

## Amendment 179

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) all trends in progress towards achieving an increase in the utilised agricultural area under organic farming referred to in Article 8(1), point (d).

*Amendment*

(e) all trends in progress towards achieving an increase in the utilised agricultural area under organic farming referred to in Article 8(1), point (d), ***and regarding measures referred to in Article 8(1), points (g), (hb) and (i).***

## Amendment 180

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ea) the number of derogations granted under Article 18(1h), and the assessment showing how the criteria defined in the implementing act referred to in Article 18 (1i) were applied and how the conditions provided for in Article 18(1h) were met, and, where relevant, the result of the 3-year review referred to in Article 18(1l).*

**Amendment 181**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point e b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(eb) a detailed analysis of which of the potential obstacles as referred to in Article 9(2), points (a) and (b), and Article 9(3), points (a) and (b), could not be resolved due to reasons beyond the Member State's control.*

**Amendment 182**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point e c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ec) a detailed analysis of how the reasons beyond the Member State's control as referred to in point (eb) may have influenced the progress towards achieving the national reduction targets.*

**Amendment 183**

**Proposal for a regulation**

### Article 10 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Each Member State shall publish its **annual** progress and implementation report on a website and inform the Commission thereof.

*Amendment*

3. **Each** Member State shall **submit** its progress and implementation report **to the Commission and thereafter publish it** on a website.

### Amendment 184

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 10 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The Commission may request a Member State to include further details in its **annual** progress and implementation report.

*Amendment*

The Commission may request a Member State to include further details in its progress and implementation report.

### Amendment 185

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 10 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Within 2 months of receipt of the Commission's request, the Member State concerned shall respond to the request and shall publish its response on the website referred to in paragraph 3.

*Amendment*

Within 2 months of receipt of the Commission's request, the Member State concerned shall respond to the request **by including the requested details** and shall publish its response on the website referred to in paragraph 3.

### Amendment 186

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 10 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The Commission shall publish **annual** progress and implementation

*Amendment*

5. The Commission shall publish progress and implementation reports of the



reports of the Member States on a website.

Member States on a website.

## **Amendment 187**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 11 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 2 years after the *date of application* of this Regulation], and every 2 years thereafter until 2030, the Commission shall publish on a website an analysis of:

*Amendment*

1. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 2 years after the *entry into force* of this Regulation], and every 2 years thereafter until 2030, the Commission shall publish on a website an analysis of:

## **Amendment 188**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) Member States' progress towards achieving the national **2030** reduction targets.

*Amendment*

(b) Member States' progress towards achieving the national reduction targets.

## **Amendment 189**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) the trends in progress towards the Union 2030 target for reducing the risk of plant protection products through replacement with low risk and biological control alternatives.***

## **Amendment 190**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(bb) information provided by the Member States in accordance with Article 10(2), point (ea);***

**Amendment 191**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(bc) Member States' progress towards achieving the Union 2030 target for reducing the risk of plant protection products through replacement with low risk and biological control alternatives.***

**Amendment 192**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. As from ... [OP: please insert the date – 4 years after the ***date of application*** of this Regulation], the Commission shall include in the analysis referred to in paragraph 1 an analysis of the information to be provided by Member States in accordance with Article 10(2), ***points (a), (b) and (c).***

2. As from ... [OP: please insert the date – 4 years after the ***entry into force*** of this Regulation], the Commission shall include in the analysis referred to in paragraph 1 an analysis of the information to be provided by Member States in accordance with Article 10(2).

**Amendment 193**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) increase the level of ambition of any of national **indicative target** set out in Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), and Article 9(4).

*Amendment*

(b) increase the level of ambition of any of **the** national **targets** set out in **Article 5a**, Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), and Article 9(4).

**Amendment 194**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) withdraw a derogation granted under Article 18(1h), where the analysis shows that conditions laid down in Article 18(1h) are no longer satisfied;***

**Amendment 195**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 11 – paragraph 5 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. A Member State that has received a recommendation from the Commission in accordance with paragraph 3, point (b), to increase the level of ambition of a national **indicative** target set out in Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), **or** Article 9(4) shall take one of the following actions:

5. A Member State that has received a recommendation from the Commission in accordance with paragraph 3, point (b), to increase the level of ambition of a national target set out in **Article 5a**, Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a) **and** Article 9(4) **or** shall take one of the following actions:

**Amendment 196**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 11 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***5a. A Member State that has received a recommendation from the Commission in***

*accordance with paragraph 3, point (ba), to withdraw a derogation granted under Article 18(1h) shall take one of the following actions:*

- (a) withdraw the derogation;*
- (b) provide reasons for not following the Commission's recommendation in its subsequent annual progress and implementation report.*

## **Amendment 197**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Where, on the basis of its analysis of the **annual** progress and implementation reports, the Commission concludes that the progress achieved is insufficient for the collective achievement of the Union 2030 reduction targets, it shall propose measures **and exercise its other powers at Union level in order** to ensure the collective achievement of those targets. Such measures shall take into consideration the level of ambition of contributions to the Union 2030 reduction targets by Member States set out in the national **2030** reduction targets adopted by them.

*Amendment*

6. Where, on the basis of its analysis of the progress and implementation reports, the Commission concludes that the progress achieved is insufficient for the collective achievement of the Union 2030 reduction targets, it shall propose **further** measures to ensure the collective achievement of those targets. Such measures shall take into consideration the level of ambition of contributions to the Union 2030 reduction targets by Member States set out in the national reduction targets adopted by them.

## **Amendment 198**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**6a. Where the Commission concludes, on the basis of its analysis of the progress and implementation reports, that a Member State is not on track to reach its national targets as set out in Article 5, that non-achievement may be justified**

*and the Member State shall be deemed not liable, if it is caused by the following reasons which are beyond the Member State's control:*

*(a) a lack of available alternatives to chemical plant protection products which is due to reasons beyond the Member State's control, as laid out in the detailed analyses submitted in accordance with Article 10(2) points (g) and (h);*

*(b) a significant increase in the occurrence of pests and diseases caused, for example, by climate change, invasive species or other proven causes;*

*(c) a substantiated threat to food security caused by this Regulation.*

## **Amendment 199**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 5 years from the ***date of application*** of this Regulation], the Commission shall submit a report on ***annual*** progress and implementation reports to the European Parliament and the Council.

*Amendment*

7. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 3 years from the ***entry into force*** of this Regulation] ***and every three years thereafter***, the Commission shall submit a report on progress and implementation reports to the European Parliament and the Council.

## **Amendment 200**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 11 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 11a***

***Access to justice***

***1. Member States shall ensure that members of the public, in accordance with***

*national law, that have a sufficient interest or that maintain the impairment of a right, have access to a review procedure before a court of law, or an independent and impartial body established by law, to challenge the substantive or procedural legality of any acts or failures to act of the competent authorities under this Regulation, regardless of the role members of the public have played during the process for preparing and establishing the national action plan.*

*2. Member States shall determine what constitutes a sufficient interest and impairment of a right, consistently with the objective of providing the public with wide access to justice. For the purposes of paragraph 1, any non-governmental organisation promoting environmental protection and meeting the requirements under national law shall be deemed to have rights capable of being impaired and their interest shall be deemed sufficient.*

*3. Review procedures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be fair, equitable, timely and free of charge or not prohibitively expensive, and shall provide adequate and effective remedies, including injunctive relief where necessary.*

*4. Member States shall ensure that practical information is made available to the public on access to the administrative and judicial review procedures referred to in this Article.*

## **Amendment 201**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Advisors shall provide advice that is consistent with the applicable crop-specific

*Amendment*

2. Advisors shall provide advice that is consistent with the applicable crop-specific

rules and with integrated pest management.

rules and with integrated pest management  
*as defined in this Regulation.*

## Amendment 202

### Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2a. Member States shall ensure that the necessary conditions for the implementation of integrated pest management in accordance with this Regulation are in place in their territories, inter alia by offering technical support to professional users to ensure they have at their disposal information and tools for pest monitoring and decision-making, early diagnosis systems, as well as advisory services.**

## Amendment 203

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Professional users shall first **apply** measures that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products for the prevention or suppression of harmful organisms before resorting to application of chemical plant protection products.

1. **Professional users shall apply integrated pest management as defined in Article 3(15).**

***In that regard,*** professional users shall first **consider** measures that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products for the prevention or suppression of harmful organisms, **and apply those relevant to their crops and circumstances** before resorting to application of chemical plant protection products.

## Amendment 204

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

A professional user's records referred to in Article 14(1) shall demonstrate that **he or she has** considered **all of the following options**:

*Amendment*

A professional user's records referred to in Article 14(1) shall demonstrate that **the user has** considered **and applied measures relevant to their crops and circumstances, before resorting to chemical applications, such as**:

## Amendment 205

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

– crop rotation,

*Amendment*

– **wide** crop rotation **and intercropping, or polyculture,**

## Amendment 206

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

– use of modern cultivation techniques, including stale seedbed technique, sowing dates **and** densities, under-sowing, intercropping, **conservation** tillage, pruning and direct sowing,

*Amendment*

– use of modern cultivation techniques, including stale seedbed technique, **appropriate** sowing dates, densities **and spacing**, under-sowing, intercropping, **shallow or reduced** tillage, pruning and direct sowing,

## Amendment 207

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 3



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– use of resistant or tolerant cultivars and high quality or certified seed and planting material,

– use of ***well-adapted and robust varieties***, resistant or tolerant cultivars, ***provided they are available*** and high quality or certified seed and planting material,

## **Amendment 208**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– ***regenerative soil management, including the use of green manure and fertilising with organic material or mulching,***

## **Amendment 209**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– ***use of balanced*** fertilisation, liming ***and*** irrigation or drainage ***practices,***

– ***avoiding unnecessary*** fertilisation, liming, irrigation or drainage,

## **Amendment 210**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– ***protection and enhancement of*** important beneficial organisms, including ***beneficial plant protection measures or the utilisation of*** ecological infrastructures inside and outside production sites,

– ***establishing, maintaining and restoring biodiversity to protect and enhance*** important beneficial organisms, including ***the provision of habitats and*** ecological infrastructures inside and outside production sites, ***such as flower***

*strips, hedge rows and tree rows,*

## Amendment 211

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – indent 7 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– *biological control, including, inter alia, pest exclusion by methods based on sexual attraction of males.*

## Amendment 212

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Where a professional user has not applied a measure listed in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, the records referred to in Article 14(1) shall contain reasons thereof.

Where a professional user has not applied a measure *relevant to their crops and circumstances* listed in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, the records referred to in Article 14(1) shall contain reasons thereof, *listed, for example, in a tick-box menu of options, including non-agronomic reasons such as agricultural product commercialisation barriers.*

## Amendment 213

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. *Professional users shall use biological controls, physical and other non-chemical methods.* Professional users may only use chemical methods *if they are necessary to achieve acceptable levels of harmful organism control after all other non-chemical methods as set out in*

4. Professional users may only use chemical methods where:

*paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 have been exhausted and where any of the following conditions has been satisfied:*

*(a) the aim of achieving acceptable levels of harmful organism control cannot be reached by applying only non-chemical methods relevant to their crops and circumstances as set out in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.*

*(b) the results of monitoring of harmful organisms in accordance with paragraph 3 show that only the timely application of chemical plant protection measures can achieve acceptable levels of harmful organism control.*

#### **Amendment 214**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 4 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(a) the results of monitoring of harmful organisms show, based on recorded observation, that chemical plant protection measures need to be applied in a timely manner because of the presence of a sufficiently high number of harmful organisms.*

*deleted*

#### **Amendment 215**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 4 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(b) where justified by a decision-support system, or by an advisor who meets the conditions laid down in Article 23, the professional user decides, by way of a recorded decision, to use chemical plant protection products methods for*

*deleted*

*preventative reasons.*

## Amendment 216

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Professional users shall apply plant protection products that are as specific as possible to control the harmful organisms and have the least side effects on human health, non-target organisms and the environment.

*Amendment*

5. Professional users shall **prioritise and** apply plant protection products that are as specific as possible to control the harmful organisms and have the least side effects on human health, **the health of farm and companion animals and** non-target organisms and the environment, **including by taking particular care to prevent emissions to water.**

## Amendment 217

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 6 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Professional users shall keep the use of chemical plant protection products and other forms of intervention to levels that do not exceed the levels that are absolutely necessary to **control the harmful organisms** and that do not increase the risk for development of resistance in populations of harmful organisms. **Where possible**, professional users shall use the following measures:

*Amendment*

6. Professional users shall keep the use of chemical plant protection products and other forms of intervention to levels that do not exceed the levels that are absolutely necessary to **avoid significant crop loss** and that do not increase the risk for development of resistance in populations of harmful organisms. Professional users shall use the following measures **when applying plant protection products, wherever possible**:

## Amendment 218

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 6 – point -a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(-a) use of selective plant protection products;***

#### **Amendment 219**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 6 – point d a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) drift reduction measures;***

#### **Amendment 220**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 6 – point d b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(db) optimal timing of application.***

#### **Amendment 221**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Where a plant protection measure involves repeated use of plant protection products, professional users shall use plant protection products with different modes of action.

Where a plant protection measure involves repeated use of plant protection products, professional users shall use plant protection products with different modes of action ***where such products are available.***

#### **Amendment 222**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**9. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 amending this Article in order to take into account technical progress and scientific developments.**

**deleted**

## **Amendment 223**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 14 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Where a professional user takes a preventative measure or performs an intervention, the professional user shall enter the following information in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register referred to in Article 16, which covers the area where the professional user operates:

1. Where a professional user takes a preventative measure or performs an intervention, the professional user shall enter the following information in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register referred to in Article 16, which covers the area where the professional user operates **and which is relevant to demonstrate that the professional user has applied integrated pest management.**

## **Amendment 224**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) any preventative measure or intervention and the reason for that **preventative measure or** intervention, including the identification and assessment of pest level, where no crop-specific rules have been adopted for the relevant crop and area by the Member State in which the professional user operates;

(a) any **relevant** preventative measure **or combination of preventative measures, applied in accordance with Article 13(2),** or intervention and the reason for that intervention, including the identification and assessment of pest level, where no crop-specific rules have been adopted for the relevant crop and area by the Member State in which the professional user operates;

## Amendment 225

### Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) any preventative measure or intervention and the reason for that **preventative measure or** intervention, including the identification and assessment of pest level, **performed** with a reference to **measurable criteria set out in** the applicable crop-specific rules where crop-specific rules have been adopted for the relevant crop and area by the Member State in which the professional user operates.

*Amendment*

(b) any **relevant** preventative measure **or combination of preventative measures that has been applied**, or intervention and the reason for that intervention, including the identification and assessment of pest level, with a reference to the applicable crop-specific rules where crop-specific rules have been adopted for the relevant crop and area by the Member State in which the professional user operates.

## Amendment 226

### Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. A professional user shall enter an electronic record in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register, referred to in Article 16 **of** the name of **its** advisor and the dates and the content of the advice received from **it** in accordance with Article 26(3). The professional user shall make those records available to the competent authority referred to in Article 15(2) **upon request**.

*Amendment*

2. A professional user shall enter an electronic record in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register, referred to in Article 16, **including** the name of **their** advisor and the dates and the content of the advice received from **them** in accordance with Article 26(3). The professional user shall make those records available to the competent authority referred to in Article 15(2).

## Amendment 227

### Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. A professional user shall enter an

*Amendment*

3. A professional user shall enter an

electronic record of each application of a plant protection product **under** Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register referred to in Article 16. A professional user shall also enter an electronic record specifying whether the application was done by aerial or land-based equipment. In the case of aerial application, a professional user shall specify the type of equipment used.

electronic record of each application of a plant protection product **in accordance with** Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 **and Article 16 of this Regulation** in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register referred to in Article 16. A professional user shall also enter an electronic record specifying whether the application was done by aerial or land-based equipment. In the case of aerial application, a professional user shall specify the type of equipment used.

## **Amendment 228**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 14 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***In circumstances duly justified by Member States, Member States may make provisions in the interest of, for example, small-scale and older professional users or those with limited access to the internet or technology to firstly record interventions on paper registers and later transcribe that information into electronic form by the end of the year***

## **Amendment 229**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 14 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4. In order to ensure a uniform structure of the entries to be made by professional users in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Commission may, by means of***

***deleted***



*implementing acts, adopt a standard template for such entries. Any such template shall include fields for inputting records that need to be kept in accordance with Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and shall require the use of a recognisable ID. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).*

## Amendment 230

### Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States shall adopt agronomic requirements based on integrated pest management controls that must be adhered to when growing or storing a particular crop and ***are designed*** to ensure that chemical crop protection is only used ***after all other non-chemical methods have been exhausted and when a threshold for intervention is reached*** ('crop-specific rules'). The crop-specific rules shall implement the principles of integrated pest management, set out in Article 13, for the relevant crop and be set out in a binding legal act.

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall adopt agronomic requirements based on integrated pest management controls that must be adhered to when growing or storing a particular crop and ***define thresholds for intervention***, to ensure that chemical crop protection is only used ***in accordance with Article 13(4)*** ('crop specific rules'). The crop-specific rules shall implement the principles of integrated pest management, set out in Article 13, for the relevant crop, ***reflecting regional and climatic specificities***, and be set out in a binding legal act.

## Amendment 231

### Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. By ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month following **24** months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] each Member State shall have in place effective and enforceable

*Amendment*

3. By ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month following **18** months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] each Member State shall have in place effective and enforceable

crop-specific rules, for crops covering an area that accounts for at least **90 %** of its utilised agricultural area (excluding kitchen gardens). Member States shall determine the geographic scope of those rules taking account of relevant agronomic conditions, including, the type of soil and crops and the prevailing climatic conditions.

crop-specific rules *for at least the five crops that most strongly influenced the trend in the use and risk of chemical plant protection products and the trend in the use of the more hazardous plant protection products as established in the National Action Plan in accordance with Article 9(3).*

*By ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month following 30 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] each Member State shall have in place effective and enforceable crop-specific rules for crops covering an area that accounts for at least 60% of its utilised agricultural area (excluding kitchen gardens and permanent grasslands).*

Member States shall determine the geographic scope of those rules taking account of relevant agronomic conditions, including the type of *cultivated area*, soil and crops and the prevailing *regional* climatic conditions. *Member States may extend the crop-specific rules to other types of crops at any time.*

## Amendment 232

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. At least **9** months prior to the point in time when a crop-specific rule becomes applicable *under national law*, the Member State shall perform all of the following actions:

*Amendment*

4. At least **6** months prior to the point in time when a crop-specific rule becomes applicable, the Member State shall perform all of the following actions:

## Amendment 233

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 4 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) publish a draft for public consultation;

(a) publish a draft for public consultation **on a website**;

**Amendment 234**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 15 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. Where the Commission is notified of a draft in accordance with paragraph 4, point (c), it may within 6 months of receipt of the draft object to its adoption by a Member State, if it considers that the draft does not comply with the criteria set out in paragraph 6. If the Commission objects, the Member State shall refrain from adopting the draft until it has amended the text so as to remedy the shortcomings identified in the Commission's objections.

***The absence of a reaction from the Commission in accordance with this paragraph to a draft crop-specific rule shall not prejudice any action or decision which might be taken by the Commission under other Union acts.***

5. Where the Commission is notified of a draft in accordance with paragraph 4, point (c), it may within 6 months of receipt of the draft object to its adoption by a Member State, if it considers that the draft does not comply with the criteria set out in paragraph 6. If the Commission objects, the Member State shall refrain from adopting the draft until it has amended the text so as to remedy the shortcomings identified in the Commission's objections.

**Amendment 235**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 15 – paragraph 6 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

6. The crop-specific rules shall convert the ***requirements*** of integrated pest management laid down in Article 13 into verifiable criteria ***by, among others, specifying*** the following:

6. The crop-specific rules shall convert the ***principles*** of integrated pest management laid down in Article 13 into verifiable criteria ***which may specify*** the following:

## Amendment 236

### Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) the non-chemical interventions involving cultural, physical and biological control which are effective against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be made;

*Amendment*

(b) the **available** non-chemical interventions involving cultural, physical and biological **prevention and strategies and measures** which are effective against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be made;

## Amendment 237

### Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) the **low-risk** plant protection products or **alternatives to chemical** plant protection products which are effective against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be made;

*Amendment*

(c) the **alternatives to chemical** plant protection products or **low-risk** plant protection products which are effective against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be made;

## Amendment 238

### Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point d

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) chemical plant protection products that are not low-risk plant protection products and that are **effective** against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be made;

*Amendment*

(d) chemical plant protection products that are not low-risk plant protection products and that are **authorised** against the harmful organisms referred to in point (a) and qualitative criteria or conditions under which these interventions are to be

made;

## Amendment 239

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) the specific conditions under which the use of chemical plant protection products, such as seed or soil treatment, prior to the detection of the correspondent pest can be allowed;***

## Amendment 240

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) the quantitative criteria or conditions under which chemical plant protection products may be used after all other means of control that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products have been ***exhausted***;

(e) the quantitative criteria or conditions under which chemical plant protection products may be used after all other ***applicable*** means of control that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products have been ***implemented ('threshold for intervention')***;

## Amendment 241

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 6 – point f

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) the ***measurable*** criteria or conditions under which more hazardous plant protection products may be used after all other means of control that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products have been ***exhausted***.

(f) the ***quantitative*** criteria or conditions under which more hazardous plant protection products may be used after all other ***applicable*** means of control that do not require the use of chemical plant protection products have been ***implemented ('threshold for***

*intervention*’).

## **Amendment 242**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. Each Member State shall review its crop-specific rules **annually** and update them where necessary, including when it is needed to reflect changes in the availability of harmful organism control tools.

*Amendment*

7. Each Member State shall review its crop-specific rules **at least every 3 years** and update them where necessary, including when it is needed to reflect changes in the availability of harmful organism control tools.

## **Amendment 243**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 8 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

8. A Member State that is planning to update a crop-specific rule shall, at least 6 months before the update becomes applicable **under national law**:

*Amendment*

8. A Member State that is planning to update a crop-specific rule shall, at least 6 months before the update becomes applicable:

## **Amendment 244**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

9. Where the Commission is notified of a draft under paragraph 8, it may within 3 months of receipt of the draft object to the updating of the crop-specific rule by a Member State, if it considers that the draft does not comply with the criteria set out in paragraph 6. If the Commission objects, the Member State shall refrain from updating the crop-specific rule until it has

*Amendment*

9. Where the Commission is notified of a draft under paragraph 8, it may within 3 months of receipt of the draft object to the updating of the crop-specific rule by a Member State, if it considers that the draft does not comply with the criteria set out in paragraph 6. If the Commission objects, the Member State shall refrain from updating the crop-specific rule until it has

amended the text so as to remedy the shortcomings identified in the Commission's objections. ***The absence of a reaction from the Commission in accordance with this paragraph to a draft crop-specific rule shall not prejudice any action or decision which might be taken by the Commission under other Union acts.***

amended the text so as to remedy the shortcomings identified in the Commission's objections.

#### **Amendment 245**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

10. A Member State with significant climatic or agronomic differences between regions, ***shall*** adopt crop-specific rules for each of those regions.

*Amendment*

10. A Member State with significant climatic or agronomic differences between regions, ***may*** adopt crop-specific rules for each of those regions ***accordingly***.

#### **Amendment 246**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

11. Each Member State shall publish all of its crop-specific rules on a single website.

*Amendment*

11. Each Member State shall publish all of its crop-specific rules on a single, ***publicly accessible*** website.

#### **Amendment 247**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 15a***

***Extension of the approval of plant protection products containing solely***

*active substances exerting biological control to minor uses*

*1. With a view to accelerating the authorisation procedure and approval periods for plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control, Member States shall, in accordance with Article 51(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1107/2009, take measures to facilitate the submission of applications to extend the authorisation of already authorised plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control to minor uses.*

*2. For the same purpose, by ... [OP: please insert the date – 12 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] the Commission shall, in accordance with Article 78(1), point (b), of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, adapt data requirements and assessment methodologies for categories of substances that exert biological control.*

**Amendment 248**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Each Member State shall designate a competent authority or competent authorities to establish and maintain an electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register *or registers*.

*Amendment*

Each Member State shall designate a competent authority or competent authorities to establish and maintain an electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register.

**Amendment 249**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

The electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register *or registers* shall contain all of the following information *for a period of at least 3 years from date of entry*:

The electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register shall contain all of the following information:

**Amendment 250**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) any preventative measure or intervention and the reasons for that preventative measure or intervention entered in accordance with Article 14(1);

(a) *to be stored for a period of at least 7 years from ... [the date of entry into force of this Regulation]*, any preventative measure, *or combination of preventative measures*, or intervention and the reasons for that preventative measure, *or combination of preventative measures*, or intervention entered in accordance with Article 14(1);

**Amendment 251**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) the name of the advisor and dates and content of advice entered in accordance with Article 14(2);

(b) *to be stored for a period of at least 7 years from ... [the date of entry into force of this Regulation]*, the name of the advisor and dates and content of advice entered in accordance with Article 14(2);

**Amendment 252**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) an electronic record of each application of a plant protection product **under** Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and a report on any aerial application carried out under Article 20, as required by Article 14(3).

*Amendment*

(c) **to be stored for a period of at least 20 years from ... [the date of entry into force of this Regulation], and to be anonymised after 7 years**, an electronic record of each application of a plant protection product **in accordance with** Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 **and in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564<sup>1a</sup>**, and a report on any aerial application carried out under Article 20, as required by Article 14(3).

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***<sup>1a</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564 of 10 March 2023 as regards the content and format of the records of plant protection products kept by professional users pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 74, 13.3.2023, p. 4).***

**Amendment 253**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. In order to ensure a uniform structure of the entries to be made by professional users in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Commission shall, by ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day in the month following 1 month from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], by means of implementing acts, adopt a standard template for such entries. The Commission shall ensure that the standard template shall be simple to fill in, for example a tick-box menu of options, to minimise the administrative***

*burden for professional users while not compromising the aims of this Regulation. Any such template shall include fields for inputting records that need to be kept in accordance with this Article and Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and shall require the use of a recognisable ID. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).*

*To avoid undue additional administrative burden, the competent authority shall, where possible, ensure that the electronic data format of the register is compatible with the record-keeping software used by professional users when fulfilling their obligations under Article 14.*

#### **Amendment 254**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1b. In the interest of the users of plant protection products and methods, in particular farmers and foresters, Member States, technically assisted by the Commission, where appropriate, shall establish a single electronic user interface for the purposes of Articles 14 and 16, for keeping records of interventions on both chemical plant protection products and integrated pest management techniques.*

#### **Amendment 255**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. Competent authorities referred to in

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paragraph 1 shall, once a year submit to the Commission a summary and analysis of the information collected under Article 14 and of any additional data on use of plant protection products gathered in accordance with Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

paragraph 1 shall, once a year submit to the Commission a summary and analysis of the information collected under Article 14 and of any additional data on use of plant protection products gathered in accordance with Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, ***which shall also be made available to the public on a website. Upon request to the competent authority, the Commission shall be given access to the electronic register referred to in paragraph 1.***

## Amendment 256

### Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 5

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1 shall share the data gathered under paragraph 1, points (a) and (c), of this Article with the national competent authorities in charge of the implementation of ***Directives 2000/60/EC and (EU) 2020/2184*** for cross-linking that data, in anonymised form, with environmental, groundwater and water quality ***monitoring data***, to enhance the identification, measuring and reduction of risks from the use of plant protection products.

#### *Amendment*

5. Competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1 shall share the data gathered under paragraph 1, points (a) and (c), of this Article with the national competent authorities in charge of the implementation of ***Directive 2000/60/EC, Directive (EU) 2020/2184, Directive 92/43/EEC, Directive 2008/50/EC, Directive 2009/147/EC, a Regulation (EU) xxx/xxx on nature restoration\*, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and the planned legislative act on soil monitoring*** for cross-linking that data, in anonymised, ***georeferenced*** form, with environmental ***monitoring data including data on*** groundwater and water quality, ***surface water bodies, soil and air***, to enhance the identification, measuring and reduction of risks from the use of plant protection products. ***For the same purpose, the competent authorities shall also incorporate annual data generated in each Member State through plant protection product monitoring via honey bees and the LUCAS monitoring of topsoil.***

*\* Reference to the adopted act to be inserted (2022/0195(COD)).*

## **Amendment 257**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**5a. Upon request, competent authorities referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall transmit the local data gathered under paragraph 1, second subparagraph, point (c) to the drinking water operator in charge of the implementation of Directive (EU) 2020/2184 in the region concerned, in anonymised form, to contribute to risk assessment and risk management measures as defined in that Directive.**

**Upon request, competent authorities referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall ensure access to the data gathered under paragraph 1, second subparagraph, points (a) and (c), is provided in anonymised and spatially explicit form to other third parties for academic and scientific research purposes.**

## **Amendment 258**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**5b. Where Member States or the Commission collect personal data for the purpose of carrying out their respective monitoring and evaluation obligations under this Regulation, they shall not process those data in a way which is incompatible with that purpose.**

***Personal data, including where they are processed by providers of advisory services referred to in Article 26, shall be processed in accordance with Regulations (EU) 2016/679 and (EU) 2018/1725. Member States shall inform the data subjects that their personal data may be processed by Union and national bodies and that in that respect they enjoy the data protection rights provided by Regulations (EU) 2016/679 and (EU) 2018/1725.***

## **Amendment 259**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure access to the register(s) referred to in paragraph 1 to national statistical authorities for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics.

*Amendment*

6. Competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure access to the register referred to in paragraph 1 to national statistical authorities ***and other relevant authorities, including those whose mandate is to protect the environment and human health,*** for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics ***and to ensure policy consistency and transparency.***

## **Amendment 260**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. In order to ensure a uniform structure of the summary and analysis referred to in paragraph 4, the Commission ***may***, by means of implementing acts, adopt a standard template for such summary and analysis. Those implementing acts shall be

*Amendment*

7. In order to ensure a uniform structure of the summary and analysis referred to in paragraph 4, the Commission ***shall, without undue delay, and*** by means of implementing acts, adopt a standard template for such summary and analysis.

adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

## Amendment 261

### Proposal for a regulation Chapter V – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

V USE, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL  
OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

*Amendment*

V USE, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL  
OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS  
**AND MONITORING OF PLANT  
PROTECTION PRODUCT RESIDUES  
AND THEIR METABOLITES**

## Amendment 262

### Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) uses the services of an independent advisor in accordance with Article 26(3).

*Amendment*

(b) uses the services of an independent advisor in accordance with Article 26(3) **and (3a)**.

## Amendment 263

### Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. More hazardous plant protection products may only be used and purchased by professional users.

*Amendment*

2. More hazardous plant protection products may only be used and purchased by professional users. **Member States may adopt more restrictive measures than those provided for in this Regulation concerning the use and sale of chemical plant protection products for non-professional users.**

## Amendment 264

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 17 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Within 3 years starting from date of first purchase, and every 3 years thereafter, a professional user shall submit **his or her** application equipment in professional use for inspection pursuant to Article 31. Where 3 years have passed from the date of first purchase of application equipment in professional use, a professional user may only use it for the application of plant protection products, if that equipment meets any of the following conditions:

*Amendment*

Within 3 years starting from date of first purchase, and every 3 years thereafter, a professional user shall submit **their** application equipment in professional use for inspection pursuant to Article 31. Where 3 years have passed from the date of first purchase of application equipment in professional use, a professional user may only use it for the application of plant protection products, if that equipment meets any of the following conditions:

## Amendment 265

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 17 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

At the time of submitting the equipment for inspection, the owner of the equipment or **his or her** representative shall provide to the competent authority or body carrying out the inspection, the information necessary for the competent authority to comply with its record-keeping obligations pursuant to Article 30(1), point (b).

*Amendment*

At the time of submitting the equipment for inspection, the owner of the equipment or **the owner's** representative shall provide to the competent authority or body carrying out the inspection, the information necessary for the competent authority to comply with its record-keeping obligations pursuant to Article 30(1), point (b).

## Amendment 266

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 18 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The use of **all** plant protection

*Amendment*

1. The use of plant protection products



products is prohibited in **all** sensitive areas and within 3 metres of such areas. This 3 metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques.

is prohibited in sensitive areas **as defined in Article 3(16)(a) and (c), except for biological control as defined in Article 3(23) and plant protection products containing active substances authorised for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848**, and within 5 metres of such areas. This 5-metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques. **Member States may derogate from the 5-metre buffer zone on condition that the buffer zone is a minimum of 3 metres, and provided they follow the procedure laid out in paragraph 1g.**

#### Amendment 267

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1a. The use of plant protection products is prohibited in a protected area as referred to in Article 3(16), point (f),(i), except for biological control as defined in Article 3(23) and plant protection products containing active substances authorised for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848, and within 3 metres of such areas. This 3-metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques.**

**By ... [OP: please insert 12 months after entry into force of this Regulation] Member States shall communicate to the Commission any changes to their protected areas designated under Annex IV(1), point (i), to Directive 2000/60/EC.**

#### Amendment 268

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 b (new)

***1b. The use of plant protection products in ecologically sensitive areas as referred to in Article 3(16), point (f), (ii) and (ia), except for biological control as defined in Article 3(23) and plant protection products containing active substances authorised for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 shall be prohibited or, where Member States can demonstrate the necessity of continuing to use certain plant protection products in accordance with paragraph 1(h), minimised.***

***Within 3 metres of such areas only biological control, low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products authorised for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 may be used. This 3-metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques.***

## **Amendment 269**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

***1c. Members States shall assess whether their nationally designated areas included in the CDDA inventory are relevant for the purpose of this Regulation based on the guidance referred to in the second subparagraph and indicate it in their annual CDDA reporting exercise.***

***By ... [OP: insert 12 months from the entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall publish guidance on the criteria for the assessment of which categories in the CDDA inventory should be concerned by the restriction on the use of plant protection products in ecologically sensitive areas in accordance***

*with paragraph 1b.*

**Amendment 270**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 18 – paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1d. The use of plant protection products is prohibited in any protected area referred to in Article 3(16), point (f), (iii), except for biological control as defined in Article 3 (23) and plant protection products containing active substances authorised for organic farming under Regulation (EU) 2018/848, and within 3 metres of such areas. This 3-metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques.***

**Amendment 271**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 18 – paragraph 1 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1e. The use of emergency authorisations in accordance with Article 53 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 shall be prohibited in all ecologically sensitive areas.***

**Amendment 272**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 18 – paragraph 1 f (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1f. Where different types of sensitive areas overlap, the most protective measure for human health and the***

*environment that is specified for those areas shall apply in accordance with paragraphs 1, 1a, 1b and 1d.*

#### **Amendment 273**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 g (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1g. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, a competent authority designated under Article 37(2) may grant a derogation from the restriction on the use of certain categories of plant protection products in a specific sensitive area as laid down in paragraph 1, based on its conclusion as provided in the second subparagraph, where there are no economically and technically viable and available alternative methods to the use of a category of plant protection product that would normally be prohibited and that a high level of protection of human health can be ensured.***

***For the purposes of the first subparagraph the competent authority shall conclude whether the conditions laid down in the first subparagraph are met, and publish its conclusion without undue delay***

#### **Amendment 274**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 h (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1h. A Member State may derogate from the restriction on the use of certain categories of plant protection products in a sensitive area as laid down in paragraphs 1a, 1b and 1d, provided that***

*there are no economically and technically viable alternative substances to the use of a category of plant protection product that would normally be prohibited, that the derogation is not, where relevant, detrimental to the protection objectives of the ecologically sensitive area concerned and that such derogation is necessary to meet one of the following objectives:*

*(a) to ensure the long-term viability of existing agricultural or other economic activity in the area;*

*(b) to safeguard the cultivation of seeds or other plant propagation material;*

## **Amendment 275**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 i (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1i. In order to ensure the harmonised implementation of the derogations provided for in paragraph 1h, the Commission shall, by ... [OP: insert the date 6 months from entry into force of this Regulation], adopt an implementing act further defining the criteria and conditions under which Member States may grant derogations in accordance with paragraph 1h.*

## **Amendment 276**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 j (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1j. On the basis of the information available to the Commission, and in particular the information communicated to it pursuant to Article 10(2), point (ea), the Commission shall assess whether the*

*derogations referred to in paragraphs 1g and 1h are consistent with the overall objectives of this Regulation to protect human health and the environment.*

#### Amendment 277

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 k (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1k. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1, 1a, 1b, 1d, the use of plant protection products on railway tracks within sensitive areas shall be permitted, to ensure the safety of railway operations.***

#### Amendment 278

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1 l (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1l. Member States shall verify every three years that the conditions under which derogations from the provisions of paragraphs 1, 1a, 1b and 1d were granted are still applicable to the relevant area or areas. Where those conditions are no longer applicable, the Member State shall withdraw the relevant derogation.***

#### Amendment 279

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. Member States may establish larger mandatory buffer zones adjacent to

2. Member States may establish larger mandatory buffer zones adjacent to sensitive areas ***and may take further***

sensitive areas.

*restrictions for the use of plant protection products in sensitive areas.*

## Amendment 280

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 18 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. By way of derogation from **paragraph 1**, a competent authority designated by a Member State may permit a professional user to use a plant protection product in a sensitive area for a limited period with a precisely defined start and end date that is the shortest possible but does not exceed 60 days, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

*Amendment*

3. By way of derogation from **paragraphs 1, 1a, 1b and 1d** a competent authority designated by a Member State may permit a professional user to use a plant protection product in a sensitive area, **where it is prohibited**, for a limited period with a precisely defined start and end date that is the shortest possible but does not exceed 60 days, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

## Amendment 281

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 18 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 3 shall decide on the application for a permit for the use of a plant protection product within **2 weeks** of its submission.

*Amendment*

5. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 3 shall decide on the application for a permit for the use of a plant protection product **in a timely manner to ensure that the risk as referred to in paragraph 3, point (a), is mitigated, and at the latest within 1 week** of its submission.

## Amendment 282

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 18 – paragraph 8 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

8. Where a permit for use of a plant protection product in a sensitive area is granted, before the first day of its validity, the competent authority referred to in paragraph 3 shall make publicly available the following information:

8. Where a permit for use of a plant protection product in a sensitive area is granted, before the first day of its validity, the competent authority referred to in paragraph 3 shall make publicly available, ***including on a website***, the following information:

#### **Amendment 283**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 8 – point e a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ea) the quantity or quantities of the plant protection product or products and the number of doses to be applied;***

#### **Amendment 284**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***8a. The competent authority shall keep an electronic record of the applications it receives for a permit and of the decisions it takes, including the information referred to in paragraph 8, for a period of 20 years.***

#### **Amendment 285**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***8b. By ... [OP: please insert the date 24 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall analyse and summarise in a report***



*representative data from all Member States regarding permits granted in accordance with paragraph 3. If considered necessary for the protection of the environment or public health, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 to amend paragraphs 3 to 8 of this Article in order to adapt the conditions under which the permits can be granted.*

#### **Amendment 286**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, in areas where the Commission has approved it in a Member State’s CAP Strategic Plan under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, the Member State concerned may revert to an existing derogation granted to GAEC 4 in the relevant areas.*

#### **Amendment 287**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1b. The competent authority may also provide a derogation from paragraph 1 for greenhouse systems, including their waste water systems, that are proven to be closed, where the authority concludes that there is no risk for the environment or human health.*

#### **Amendment 288**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 19 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1c. Member States shall encourage the establishment of vegetated buffer strips along water courses and, where feasible, prohibit the application of chemical plant protection products on permeable surfaces or other infrastructure close to surface or groundwater or on sealed surfaces with a high risk of run-off into water or sewage systems.**

**Amendment 289**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 19 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. Member States may establish larger mandatory buffer zones adjacent to surface waters.

2. Member States may establish larger mandatory buffer zones adjacent to surface waters. **Where monitoring data show a significant increase in the pollution of surface waters compared to the two preceding calendar years, Member States shall aim to reverse that trend.**

**Amendment 290**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 19 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

3. By ... [OP: please insert the date of application of this Regulation], Member States shall have in place appropriate measures to avoid deterioration of surface and groundwater status as well as coastal and marine waters and allow achievement of good surface and groundwater status, to protect the aquatic environment and

3. By ... [OP: please insert the date of application of this Regulation], Member States shall have in place **and enforce** appropriate measures to avoid deterioration **caused by plant protection products** of surface and groundwater status as well as coastal and marine waters and allow achievement of good surface and

drinking water supplies from the impact of plant protection products *to achieve*, at least, the objectives set out in Directives 2000/60/EC, 2006/118/EC, 2008/105/EC, 2008/56/EC and (EU) 2020/2184.

groundwater status, to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water supplies from the impact of plant protection products, *their residues and relevant and non-relevant metabolites, with the aim of achieving*, at least, the objectives set out in Directives 2000/60/EC, 2006/118/EC, 2008/105/EC, 2008/56/EC and (EU) 2020/2184.

## Amendment 291

### Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Use of plant protection products in aerial application by certain categories of *unmanned* aircraft

*Amendment*

Use of plant protection products in aerial application by certain categories of *uncrewed* aircraft

## Amendment 292

### Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Where certain categories of *unmanned* aircraft fulfil the criteria set out in paragraph 2, a Member State may exempt aerial application by *such unmanned* aircraft from the prohibition laid down in Article 20(1) prior to any aerial application of plant protection products.

*Amendment*

1. Where certain categories of *uncrewed* aircraft fulfil the criteria set out in paragraph 2, a Member State may exempt aerial application by *a professional user using such uncrewed* aircraft from the prohibition laid down in Article 20(1) prior to any aerial application of plant protection products.

## Amendment 293

### Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. An aerial application by an **unmanned** aircraft may be exempted by the Member State from the prohibition laid down in Article 20(1) where factors related to the use of the **unmanned** aircraft demonstrate that the risks from its use are lower than the risks arising from other aerial equipment and land-based application equipment. These factors shall include criteria relating to:

2. An aerial application by an **uncrewed** aircraft may be exempted by the Member State from the prohibition laid down in Article 20(1) where factors related to the use of the **uncrewed** aircraft demonstrate that the risks from its use are lower than the risks arising from other aerial equipment and land-based application equipment. These factors shall include criteria relating to:

#### **Amendment 294**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the technical specifications of the **unmanned** aircraft, including in relation to spray drift, number and size of rotors, payload, boom width and overall weight, operating height and speed;

*Amendment*

(a) the technical specifications of the **uncrewed** aircraft, including in relation to spray drift, number and size of rotors, payload, boom width and overall weight, operating height and speed;

#### **Amendment 295**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) potential use of **unmanned** aircraft in conjunction with real time kinematic precision farming in certain cases;

*Amendment*

(e) potential use of **uncrewed** aircraft in conjunction with real time kinematic precision farming in certain cases;

#### **Amendment 296**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) the level of training required for

*Amendment*

(f) the level of training required for **professional users** operating an **uncrewed**

*pilots* operating an *unmanned* aircraft;

aircraft *in accordance with Article 25*;

#### **Amendment 297**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point g**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) potential concurrent use of multiple *unmanned* aircraft in the same area.

*Amendment*

(g) potential concurrent use of multiple *uncrewed* aircraft in the same area.

#### **Amendment 298**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 22 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By ... [OP: please insert the date of application of this Regulation], Member States shall have in place effective measures and *establish* the necessary structures to facilitate in a manner that does not endanger human health or the environment, the safe disposal of any unused plant protection products, any dilute solutions containing plant protection products and any packaging.

*Amendment*

1. By ... [OP: please insert the date of application of this Regulation], Member States shall have in place *legislation*, effective measures and the necessary structures to facilitate in a manner that does not endanger human health, *the health of farm and companion animals* or the environment, the safe disposal of any unused plant protection products, any dilute solutions *or preparations* containing plant protection products and any packaging *of such products*.

#### **Amendment 299**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 22 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures regarding plant protection products authorised for non-professional users to prevent and, where prevention is not possible, to limit

*Amendment*

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures regarding plant protection products authorised for non-professional users to prevent and, where prevention is not possible, to limit

dangerous handling operations. Those measures may include measures relating to size limits for packaging or containers. *Those* measures *may provide* that non-professional users may only use *low-risk plant protection products and other* plant protection products that are in the form of ready to use formulations *and* measures for the use of safe closure or a locking device for packaging or containers.

dangerous handling operations. Those measures may include *the following*:

- (a) measures relating to size limits for packaging or containers;
- (b) measures *providing* that non-professional users may only use plant protection products that are in the form of ready to use formulations;
- (c) measures *providing* for the use of safe closure or a locking device for packaging or containers;
- (d) *measures providing for the safe storage of plant protection products behind lockable sales displays, where they are openly accessible to the public.*

## Amendment 300

### Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Manufacturers, distributors and professional users shall ensure that plant protection products are stored in specific storage facilities for plant protection products that are constructed in such a way as to prevent unwanted releases.

*Amendment*

Manufacturers, distributors and professional users shall ensure that plant protection products are stored in specific storage facilities *marked as storage facilities* for plant protection products that are constructed in such a way as to prevent unwanted releases.

## Amendment 301

### Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Advice on the use of a plant protection product to a professional user may only be given by an advisor for whom a training certificate has been issued for **following** courses for advisors in accordance with Article 25 or who has a proof of entry in a central electronic register for following such courses in accordance with Article 25(5).

*Amendment*

Advice on the use of a plant protection product to a professional user may only be given by an advisor for whom a training certificate has been issued for **the successful completion of** courses for advisors in accordance with Article 25 or who has a proof of entry in a central electronic register for following such courses in accordance with Article 25(5). **Advisors shall declare to the professional user they advise if they have any contractual links to undertakings involved in the manufacturing, distribution or sale of plant protection products, or receive financial or in-kind benefits from them.**

**Amendment 302**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 23 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 23a**

***Monitoring of plant protection product residues and their metabolites in the environment and in humans***

***1. By ... [OP: please insert the date – 24 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], Member States shall put in place representative monitoring programmes of residues of plant protection products and their metabolites in water resources, groundwater, soil, air, dust, precipitation, biota and in humans, to assess whether the findings comply with the predicted exposure from environmental and human risk assessments under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Those monitoring programmes shall build upon effect indicators<sup>1a</sup> and data collection being performed on an adequate number of sites across the territory of the respective Member State to ensure***

*representativeness. Member States shall ensure that sufficient funding is ring-fenced for those monitoring programmes.*

*2. The Commission shall adopt, without undue delay, implementing acts to establish which specific data referred to in paragraph 1 are to be collected by the Member States and in what format. Those implementing acts shall clearly identify which data required under paragraph 1 are already covered under other relevant Union legislation to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure that the data collected are comparable.*

*3. Member States shall also examine regularly the efficacy and proper implementation of measures to mitigate residues in the environment used during the application of plant protection products and the efficacy of personal protection equipment for the protection of human health.*

*4. Member States shall evaluate and adapt existing monitoring programmes or tailor new programmes, as appropriate, to assure that suitable monitoring data are generated.*

*5. The results of the monitoring programmes shall be submitted annually to the Commission and published on the website referred to in Article 8. The Commission shall examine the results and consider them as part of the evaluation of this Regulation as referred to in Article 42 and take them into account for potential recommendations or legislative actions resulting from this evaluation.*

*6. The Commission and Member States shall continuously exchange experience and best practices with a view to establishing a Union-wide systematic and harmonised monitoring framework.*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Effect indicators shall include existing resources and tools such as farmland birds index, pollinators index, butterfly*



*index, Insignia-bee, EPT index, SPEAR index, LUCAS monitoring of Soil Biodiversity, LUCAS Soil pesticides, the TAT (Total Applied Toxicity indicator) for different groups of organisms, as well as the risk assessment as well as the risk assessment carried out by EFSA and indicators related to the soil microbiome.*

## Amendment 303

### Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. A distributor shall only sell a plant protection product authorised for professional use to a purchaser or **his or her** representative when that distributor has checked, at the time of purchase, that the purchaser or representative is a professional user and holds a training certificate for following courses for professional users issued in accordance with Article 25 or has a proof of entry in a central electronic register for following such courses in accordance with Article 25(5).

*Amendment*

1. A distributor shall only sell a plant protection product authorised for professional use to a purchaser or **the purchaser's** representative when that distributor has checked, at the time of purchase, that the purchaser or representative is a professional user and holds a training certificate for following courses for professional users issued in accordance with Article 25 or has a proof of entry in a central electronic register for following such courses in accordance with Article 25(5).

## Amendment 304

### Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. A distributor shall **direct** a purchaser of a plant protection product to read its label prior to use and to use the product in accordance with the instructions on the label and shall inform the purchaser of the website referred to in Article 27.

*Amendment*

3. A distributor shall **invite** a purchaser of a plant protection product to read its label prior to use and to use the product in accordance with the instructions on the label and shall inform the purchaser of the website referred to in Article 27.

## Amendment 305

### Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. A distributor shall provide general information to non-professional users on the risks to human health and the environment of the use of plant protection products, including the information on hazards, exposure, proper storage, handling, application and safe disposal in accordance with Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>86</sup>, and shall recommend alternative low-risk plant protection products and ways in which risks can be mitigated when using plant protection products.

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<sup>86</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312 22.11.2008, p. 3).

## Amendment 306

### Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The distributor referred to in paragraph 5 shall inform the purchaser of a plant protection product about less hazardous control techniques before the purchaser buys a plant protection product with a higher risk for human health and the environment.

*Amendment*

4. A distributor shall provide general information to non-professional users on the risks to human health and the environment, ***including the impact on non-target organisms***, of the use of plant protection products, including the information on hazards, exposure, proper storage, handling, application and safe disposal in accordance with Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>86</sup>, and shall recommend alternative ***products, including biological control agents and*** low-risk plant protection products, and ways in which risks can be mitigated when using plant protection products.

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<sup>86</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312 22.11.2008, p. 3).

*Amendment*

6. The distributor referred to in paragraph 5 shall inform the purchaser of a plant protection product about less hazardous control techniques before the purchaser buys a plant protection product with a higher risk for human health, ***the health of farm and companion animals*** and the environment, ***including the risk for***

*non-target organisms.*

**Amendment 307**  
**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 24a**

***Sale of plant protection products for private use***

- 1. Member States shall take all necessary measures in relation to plant protection products authorised for non-professional users to prevent or, where that is not possible, to limit hazardous handling.***
- 2. The Member States shall take the following measures, specifically for plant protection products for non-professional users that are to be classified as low-risk plant protection products:***
  - (a) limiting the size of containers or packaging;***
  - (b) allowing non-professional users to only use low-risk plant protection products and other plant protection products in the form of ready-to-use formulations;***
  - (c) require use of a safety seal or a locking device for packaging or containers, which is intended in particular to protect children;***
  - (d) distribution of low-risk crop protection products only in usual amounts for normal domestic use;***
  - (e) storage of low-risk crop protection products for non-professional users behind lockable sales displays, provided the displays are open to the public; and***
  - (f) targeted notification of sales staff concerning possible alternatives and dangers in the case of low-risk crop protection products.***

**3. Low-risk plant protection products for private use may only be delivered on-site by distributors and by trained specialist staff and shall not be sent to consumers.**

## **Amendment 308**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 25 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. A competent authority designated in accordance with paragraph 2 shall appoint one or more bodies to provide the following training:

*Amendment*

1. A competent authority designated in accordance with paragraph 2 shall appoint one or more bodies to provide the following training, ***including in a digital format, where applicable:***

## **Amendment 309**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) practical training for professional users on the use of application equipment in professional use;

*Amendment*

(b) practical training for professional users on the use of application equipment in professional use ***in line with Annex III;***

## **Amendment 310**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) extensive training for advisors on the subjects listed in Annex III with particular emphasis on the application of integrated pest management.

*Amendment*

(c) extensive ***initial and follow-up*** training for advisors on the subjects listed in Annex III with particular emphasis on the application of integrated pest management.

## Amendment 311

### Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority or authorities responsible for the implementation of the system for the training and certification of all training referred to in paragraph 1 and for issuing and renewing training certificates, updating the central electronic register, providing proof of entry in the central electronic register and overseeing that the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 are carried out by the body that provided the training.

*Amendment*

2. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority or authorities responsible for the implementation of the system for the training and certification of all training referred to in paragraph 1 and for issuing and renewing training certificates, updating the central electronic register, providing proof of entry in the central electronic register and overseeing that the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 are carried out by the body that provided the training. ***Member States shall ensure that staffing levels are sufficient to support application of this Regulation. The personnel of the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Regulation shall be free from any conflict of interest.***

## Amendment 312

### Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 4 – point g

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) the validity period of the training certificate or entry in the central electronic register.

*Amendment*

(g) the ***date of issuance and*** validity period of the training certificate or entry in the central electronic register.

## Amendment 313

### Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. A training certificate or an entry in ***a***

*Amendment*

6. A training certificate or an entry in ***a***

*central* electronic register shall be valid for **10** years in the case of a distributor or professional user and for 5 years in the case of an advisor.

*central* electronic register shall be valid for **6** years in the case of a distributor or professional user and for 5 years in the case of an advisor.

#### Amendment 314

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 10 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**10a. Employers shall ensure that all workers who act as professional users within the meaning of this Regulation receive the required training in accordance with Article 13 of Directive (EU) 2019/1152<sup>1a</sup>.**

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<sup>1a</sup> *Directive (EU) 2019/1152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union (OJ L 186, 11.7.2019, p. 105)*

#### Amendment 315

##### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority to establish, oversee and monitor the operation of a system of independent advisors for professional users. That system may make use of the impartial farm advisors referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/2115, who must be regularly trained and can be funded under Article 78 of the same regulation.

1. **By ... [6 months from entry into force of this Regulation],** each Member State shall designate a competent authority to establish, oversee and monitor the operation of a system of independent advisors **trained in accordance with Article 25**, for professional users. That system may make use of the impartial farm advisors referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/2115, who must be regularly trained and can be funded

under Article 78 of the same regulation.

## Amendment 316

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure that any advisor registered in the system referred to in that paragraph ('independent advisor') is free from any conflict of interest and, in particular, is not in a situation which, directly or indirectly, could affect their ability to carry out their professional duties in an impartial manner.

*Amendment*

2. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure that any advisor registered in the system referred to in that paragraph ('independent advisor') is free from any conflict of interest and, in particular, is not in a situation which, directly or indirectly, could affect their ability to carry out their professional duties in an impartial manner. ***As part of registration in the independent advisory system, independent advisors shall declare in writing that they have no direct or indirect interests in an undertaking involved in the manufacturing, distribution or sale of plant protection products.***

***Those declarations shall be recorded by the competent authority.***

## Amendment 317

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. By... [3 months from the entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 to supplement paragraph 3 by setting criteria and conditions for derogations from the obligation laid down in that paragraph. The Commission shall, for that purpose, assess possibilities for professional users to deviate in justified cases from the time interval provided for***

*in paragraph 3 and for more flexibility to organise strategic advice collectively at the level of the farm or undertaking involved, taking into account local circumstances.*

## Amendment 318

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 3 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3b.** *The strategic advice shall be designed and delivered in such a way that it will not result in a disproportionate administrative burden for professional users while costs for professional users shall be covered by public funds.*

## Amendment 319

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. An advisor referred to in paragraph 3 shall provide strategic advice on ***the following subjects***:

4. An advisor referred to in paragraph 3 shall provide ***information and*** strategic advice on:

## Amendment 320

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) application of relevant control techniques to prevent harmful organisms;

(a) application of relevant control techniques to prevent harmful organisms ***and diseases***;



## Amendment 321

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) implementation of integrated pest management;

*Amendment*

(b) ***the*** implementation of integrated pest management ***in accordance with this Regulation;***

## Amendment 322

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) precision farming techniques, including use of space data and services;

*Amendment*

(c) ***digital and*** precision farming ***tools and*** techniques, including ***use of data-based decision-support systems and the*** use of space data and services;

## Amendment 323

### Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) where chemical plant protection products are necessary, measures to effectively minimise risks to human health and the environment, in particular to biodiversity, including pollinators, ***from such use, including risk mitigation*** measures and techniques.

*Amendment*

(e) where chemical plant protection products are ***deemed*** necessary, measures to effectively ***prevent and*** minimise risks to human health, ***the health of farm and companion animals*** and the environment, in particular to biodiversity, including ***managed and wild*** pollinators, ***other non-target organisms and soil biodiversity, as well as*** measures and techniques ***to mitigate risk and drift.***

## Amendment 324

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 27 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority to provide information to the public, ***in particular through awareness-raising programmes, in relation to*** the risks associated with the use of plant protection products.

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority to provide ***independent, comprehensive and up-to-date*** information to the public ***as well as to professional users on*** the risks associated with the use of ***and exposure to*** plant protection products, ***and benefits of different plant protection methods. That information shall be updated regularly and comprise, inter alia, awareness-raising programmes.***

**Amendment 325**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 27 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall establish a website or websites dedicated to providing information on risks associated with the use of plant protection products. That information may be provided directly or by providing links to relevant websites of other national or international bodies.

*Amendment*

2. The competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall establish a website or websites dedicated to providing information on risks associated with ***and reasons for*** the use of plant protection products ***and providing information about the awareness-raising programmes referred to in paragraph 1.*** That information may be provided directly or by providing links to relevant websites of other national or international bodies.

**Amendment 326**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the ***potential*** risks to human health and the environment ***through acute or chronic effects*** relating to the use of plant

*Amendment*

(a) the risks to human health and the environment, ***including on non-target organisms,*** relating to the use ***of and***

protection products;

*exposure to plant protection products; as well as the cumulative and synergistic effects of combinations of plant protection products and of other toxins;*

#### Amendment 327

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point a a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(aa) the occurrence and factors determining the spread of pests and their impact on plants and crops, and the array of methods available to protect crops from pests and the respective benefits and drawbacks of such methods, including with regard to production, costs, beneficial species, pest resistance, food quality;*

#### Amendment 328

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) the manner in which the potential risks referred to in **point** (a) can be mitigated;

(b) the manner in which the potential risks referred to in **points** (a) **and (aa)** can be mitigated;

#### Amendment 329

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ba) the results of the monitoring programmes on maximum residue limits in food, including in foods imported from third countries, where available, and of*

*the monitoring programmes on the presence of chemical plant protection products in the environment;*

### Amendment 330

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) alternatives to chemical plant protection products;

*Amendment*

(c) alternatives to chemical plant protection products, ***including relevant agronomic practices and their co-deliverables such as soil health and water quality;***

### Amendment 331

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point f

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) a link to the ***website*** referred to in Article 7;

*Amendment*

(f) ***links*** to the ***websites*** referred to in ***Articles 7, 8 and 15;***

### Amendment 332

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point g a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ga) procedures and reporting channels, in accordance with Directive (EU) 2019/1937;***

### Amendment 333

#### Proposal for a regulation

**Article 27 – paragraph 3 – point g b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(gb) a link to the national system for recording acute and chronic poisoning and occupational diseases as provided for in Article 28 of this Regulation;***

**Amendment 334**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 27 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. Member States shall ensure that the designated authorities have sufficient resources to perform their tasks.***

**Amendment 335**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 27 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 27a***

***Research***

***Member States shall foster research and development with regard to alternatives to chemical plant protection products, such as the application of integrated pest management and the development of resilient cropping systems.***

**Amendment 336**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 28 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Information on acute and chronic***

***Acute and chronic poisoning and***

poisoning

*occupational and non-occupational  
diseases*

### **Amendment 337**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 28 – paragraph -1 (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***-1. By ... [OP: please insert the date = 12 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] the Commission shall establish a European database to collect administrative data on occupational diseases resulting from the use of and exposure to plant protection products.***

***Data collected at national level under paragraph 1, point (eb), shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 to feed into the European database referred to in the first subparagraph.***

***The Commission shall publish the data collected in the European database on a public website.***

### **Amendment 338**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 28 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority to maintain or put in place systems for gathering and keeping the following information on acute and chronic poisoning incidents arising from exposure of persons to plant protection products:

1. Each Member State shall designate a competent authority to maintain or put in place systems for gathering, and keeping the following information on ***confirmed*** acute and chronic poisoning incidents, ***illnesses and other negative health effects*** arising from exposure of persons ***and farm and companion animals*** to plant

protection products:

### Amendment 339

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the name and authorisation number of the plant protection product and the active substances involved in the acute or chronic poisoning incident;

*Amendment*

(a) the name and authorisation number of the plant protection product and the active substances involved in the ***confirmed*** acute or chronic poisoning incident;

### Amendment 340

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) the number of individuals poisoned;

*Amendment*

(b) the number of individuals poisoned, ***and whether humans or animals were concerned***;

### Amendment 341

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ea) cases of non-compliance with regard to occupational health and safety obligations related to the use of plant protection products;***

### Amendment 342

#### Proposal for a regulation

**Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point e b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(eb) data on documented cases of occupational disease and other work-related health problems and illnesses linked to the use of and exposure to plant protection products collected in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008.***

**Amendment 343**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 28 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. Professional users may, upon request to the competent authority, access data to be collected under Article 16, especially regarding the type of plant protection products used during their work activity and the period of exposure. In accordance with point 3(a) of this Article, professional users shall have access to information related to the health and environmental risks related to their use.***

**Amendment 344**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 28 – paragraph 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. By 31 **August** every year, each Member State shall submit to the Commission a report containing the following information:

2. By 31 **December** every year, each Member State shall submit to the Commission a report containing the following information:

**Amendment 345**



**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the number of acute and chronic poisoning incidents arising from exposure of persons to plant protection products during the preceding calendar year;

*Amendment*

(a) the number of **confirmed** acute and chronic poisoning incidents **or reported health effects** arising from exposure of persons **and farm and companion animals**, to plant protection products during the preceding calendar year;

**Amendment 346**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ba) the number of confirmed cases of occupational diseases arising from the use of and exposure to a plant protection product identified during the preceding calendar year.**

**Amendment 347**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts to establish the format for the submission of the information and data referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

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**Amendment 348**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By ... [OP please insert the date = first day of the month following 9 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], an owner of application equipment in professional use shall enter the fact that **he or she is** the owner of the application equipment in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V, unless the Member State in which the owner uses the equipment has exempted that equipment from inspection in accordance with Article 32(3).

## Amendment 349

## Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. If application equipment in professional use is sold, the seller and the buyer shall enter the fact of the sale, within **30** days after the sale, in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V, unless the application equipment in professional use has been exempted from inspection in the relevant Member State(s) in accordance with Article 32(3). A similar obligation to enter a transfer of ownership in the electronic register applies in the case of any other changes of ownership of application equipment in professional use that has not been exempted from inspection in the relevant Member State(s) in

*Amendment*

1. By ... [OP please insert the date = first day of the month following 9 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], an owner of application equipment in professional use shall enter the fact that **they are** the owner of the application equipment in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V, unless the Member State in which the owner uses the equipment has exempted that equipment from inspection in accordance with Article 32(3). ***The registration procedure shall not result in a disproportionate administrative burden or costs for professional users.***

*Amendment*

2. If application equipment in professional use is sold, the seller and the buyer shall enter the fact of the sale, within **40** days after the sale, in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V, unless the application equipment in professional use has been exempted from inspection in the relevant Member State(s) in accordance with Article 32(3). A similar obligation to enter a transfer of ownership in the electronic register applies in the case of any other changes of ownership of application equipment in professional use that has not been exempted from inspection in the relevant Member State(s) in

accordance with Article 32(3).

accordance with Article 32(3).

### **Amendment 350**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. If application equipment in professional use is withdrawn from use and is not intended to be used again, its owner shall, within **30** days after the withdrawal from use, enter the fact that the equipment has been withdrawn from use in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V.

*Amendment*

3. If application equipment in professional use is withdrawn from use and is not intended to be used again, its owner shall, within **40** days after the withdrawal from use, enter the fact that the equipment has been withdrawn from use in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33, using the form set out in Annex V.

### **Amendment 351**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. If application equipment in professional use is returned to use, its owner shall, within **30** days after the return to use, enter that fact in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33 using the form set out in Annex V.

*Amendment*

4. If application equipment in professional use is returned to use, its owner shall, within **40** days after the return to use, enter that fact in the electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33 using the form set out in Annex V.

### **Amendment 352**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Where the designated competent authority does not carry out the inspection of application equipment in professional use,

*Amendment*

Where the designated competent authority does not carry out the inspection of application equipment in professional use,

it shall designate one or more bodies to carry out such inspections.

it shall designate one or more bodies to carry out such inspections, ***with due regard to the need for impartiality and independence.***

## Amendment 353

### Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Each Member State shall carry out official controls to verify compliance by operators with the provisions of this Regulation relating to application equipment. Member States shall take appropriate follow-up measures to remedy any specific or systemic shortcomings identified through controls performed by the Commission experts in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4. They shall give the necessary assistance to ensure that the Commission experts have access to all premises or parts of premises, and goods, and to information, including computer systems, relevant for the execution of their duties.

#### *Amendment*

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## Amendment 354

### Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The competent authority referred to in Article 30 or a body designated by it shall inspect application equipment in professional use every three years, starting from the date of first purchase. The competent authority shall ensure that there is sufficient staff, equipment and other resources necessary for the inspection of all application equipment due for

#### *Amendment*

1. The competent authority referred to in Article 30 or a body designated by it shall inspect application equipment in professional use every three years, starting from the date of first purchase. The competent authority shall ensure that there is sufficient ***and suitably qualified*** staff, equipment and other resources necessary for the inspection of all application

inspection, within the three year cycle.

equipment due for inspection, within the three year cycle. ***The competent authority may develop a certification system enabling fast implementation of inspections by service organisations compliant with the certification, in order to make inspections of application equipment easily accessible to professional users.***

## Amendment 355

### Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The owner of the application equipment in professional use shall ensure that the application equipment is clean and safe before the inspection starts.

*Amendment*

5. The owner of the application equipment in professional use shall ensure that the application equipment is ***in proper working order***, clean, and safe before the inspection starts.

## Amendment 356

### Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The results of each inspection ***for which application equipment in professional use passes the test*** shall be recorded by the competent authority referred to in Article 30 in the central electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33.

*Amendment*

6. The results of each inspection shall be recorded by the competent authority referred to in Article 30 in the central electronic register of application equipment in professional use referred to in Article 33.

## Amendment 357

### Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***A badge related to the certificate shall be placed in a clearly visible position on, and firmly affixed to, the application equipment. It shall indicate the date of the inspection passed, the date of the next inspection, the unique ID of the application equipment, where available, and the body that carried out the inspection.***

### **Amendment 358**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

10. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 amending ***this Article and Annex IV*** in order to take into account technical progress and scientific developments.

*Amendment*

10. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 amending Annex IV in order to take into account technical progress and scientific developments.

### **Amendment 359**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) where there has been a transfer of ownership, the date of each transfer ***and the name and address of previous owners within the last five years***;

*Amendment*

(e) where there has been a transfer of ownership, the date of each transfer;

### **Amendment 360**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) the tank *size*;

(f) the tank *capacity, namely the size or volume of the tank in litres*;

#### **Amendment 361**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 – point g**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(g) the width of the horizontal spray boom, if applicable;

(g) the *work* width of the horizontal spray boom, if applicable;

#### **Amendment 362**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 – point h**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(h) the nozzle type(s) present on the application equipment at the time of inspection;

(h) the nozzle type(s) present on the application equipment at the time of inspection, *as well as any type of drift reduction equipment*;

#### **Amendment 363**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two national and two Union *2030* reduction targets

Methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two national and two Union reduction targets

#### **Amendment 364**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

## Article 34 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two Union 2030 reduction targets and the two national **2030** reduction targets until and including 2030 is laid down in Annex I. This methodology shall be based on statistical data collected in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009.

*Amendment*

1. The methodology for calculating progress towards achieving the two Union 2030 reduction targets and the two national reduction targets until and including 2030 is laid down in Annex I. This methodology shall be based on statistical data collected in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009.

## Amendment 365

### Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Using the methodology set out in Annex I, the Commission shall calculate the results of progress towards achieving the two Union and two national **2030** reduction targets annually until and including 2030 and publish those results on the website referred to in Article 7.

*Amendment*

2. Using the methodology set out in Annex I, the Commission shall calculate the results of progress towards achieving the two Union and two national reduction targets annually until and including 2030 and publish those results on the website referred to in Article 7.

## Amendment 366

### Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Methodology for calculating harmonised risk indicators 1, 2 *and 2a*

*Amendment*

Methodology for calculating harmonised risk indicators 1, 2, **2a and evaluation of integral environmental indicators**

## Amendment 367

### Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 3 a (new)



**3 a. By 31st June 2027, the Commission shall publish a report evaluating the integral environmental indicators developed by Member States in accordance with Article 6a. That report shall, on the basis of those indicators, evaluate the feasibility of developing a harmonised Union indicator for the environmental impact of plant protection measures.**

## **Amendment 368**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 amending this Article and Annex VI in order to ***take into account technical progress, including progress in the availability of statistical data, and scientific and agronomic developments.*** ***Such delegated acts may*** modify the existing harmonised risk indicators or provide for new harmonised risk indicators, which may take into account Member States' progress towards ***achieving the target of having 25% of their utilised agricultural area devoted to organic farming by 2030 as*** referred to in Article 8(1), point (d).

*Amendment*

4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 40 amending this Article and Annex VI in order to modify the existing harmonised risk indicators or provide for new harmonised risk indicators, which ***build upon actual use data of plant protection products. Those delegated acts shall take into account technical progress, including progress in the availability of statistical data and scientific and agronomic developments, as well as the results of the evaluations referred to in paragraphs 3a and 5 and, where available, the monitoring generated in accordance with Article 23a.*** ***The delegated acts*** may take into account Member States' progress towards ***the objective*** referred to in Article 8(1), point (d).

## **Amendment 369**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. By... [OP please insert the date = first day of the month following 12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall complete an evaluation of harmonised risk indicators 1, 2 and 2a. This evaluation shall be based on scientific research from the Joint Research Centre and extensive consultation of stakeholders, including Member States, scientific experts and civil society organisations. The evaluation shall **include** the methodologies to be used in formulating new and modifying existing harmonised risk indicators in accordance with paragraph 4.

*Amendment*

5. By... [OP please insert the date = first day of the month following 12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall complete an evaluation of harmonised risk indicators 1, 2 and 2a. This evaluation shall be based on scientific research from the Joint Research Centre and extensive consultation of stakeholders, including Member States, scientific experts and civil society organisations. The **Commission shall publish all input received on a public website. The** evaluation shall **address, inter alia:**

**(a) the suitability of the harmonised risk indicators for assessing the overall environmental impact of plant protection measures;**

**(b) the methodologies to be used in formulating new and modifying existing harmonised risk indicators in accordance with paragraph 4;**

**(c) options to further differentiate the active substances falling within Group 2 in Annex VI based on their risk profile.**

**Amendment 370**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 35 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Taking into account the results of the evaluation provided for in paragraph 5 and no later than 18 months after the publication of the statistics on the use of plant protection products in agriculture for the first reference period as referred to in Article 9 of Regulation xxx/xxx [**reference to adopted act to be inserted**], the Commission shall, **if it considers it**

*Amendment*

6. Taking into account the results of the evaluation provided for in paragraph 5 **and the report on the feasibility of developing a harmonised Union indicator for the environmental impact of plant protection measures provided for in paragraph 3a** and no later than 18 months after the publication of the statistics on the use of plant protection products in agriculture for

*appropriate*, establish new harmonised risk indicators or modify the existing ones on the basis of statistical data related to the use of plant protection products in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article.

the first reference period as referred to in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379, the Commission shall establish new harmonised risk indicators or modify the existing ones on the basis of statistical data related to the use of plant protection products in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article.

## Amendment 371

### Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Each Member State shall evaluate the results of each calculation of (a) progress towards achieving each of the two national **2030** reduction targets as referred to in Article 34 and (b) harmonised risk indicators at Member State level, as referred to in Article 35, each time the calculations are performed.

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall evaluate the results of each calculation of (a) progress towards achieving each of the two national reduction targets as referred to in Article 34 and (b) harmonised risk indicators at Member State level, as referred to in Article 35, each time the calculations are performed.

## Amendment 372

### Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) identify **five** active substances influencing the result most significantly;

*Amendment*

(a) identify **10** active substances influencing the result most significantly;

## Amendment 373

### Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) specify the crops or situations and the target pests on which the active substances

*Amendment*

(b) specify the crops or situations and the target pests on which the active substances

referred to in point (a) are used;

referred to in point (a) are used, ***as well as the total surface area of land where the substances are used;***

#### **Amendment 374**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) specify available non-chemical methods to combat those pests;

*Amendment*

(c) specify available non-chemical methods to ***prevent and*** combat those pests;

#### **Amendment 375**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 36 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

##### ***Article 36a***

***By ... [6 months from the entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall evaluate methodologies to accelerate the authorisation process of plant protection products that substitute chemical and most dangerous active substances. The Commission shall monitor the balance between new substances and substances that are taken off from the market.***

#### **Amendment 376**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Chapter IX a (new) – Article 36 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

##### ***Chapter IXa***

***Trade and cooperation with third countries***

*Article 36b (new)*

*Imports of agricultural and agri-food products from third countries*

*1. By 31 December 2025, the Commission shall carry out an impact assessment examining the differences in the use of plant protection products on imported products, compared to domestically produced agricultural and agri-food products. The assessment shall consider crop production methods and plant protection product application, residues of plant protection products in those products, and possible effects on human health and the environment.*

*On the basis of that impact assessment, the Commission shall put forward, where appropriate, a legislative proposal to ensure that agricultural and agri-food products imported to the Union from third countries are produced in accordance with equivalent plant protection product use standards as those applying in the Union.*

*2. By 31 December 2025, import tolerances as defined in Article 3(2), point (g), of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 for substances not approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 for public health and environmental reasons shall be set at the limit of determination, as defined in Article 3(2), point (f), of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.*

**Amendment 377**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 36 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 36c (new)*

*Export of active substances and plant protection products not approved in the Union*

*The production, storage, circulation in the Union and export to third countries from the Union shall be prohibited for active substances and plant protection products for which the approval or authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 has been refused, revoked or not renewed for public health environmental reasons.*

*This Article shall not apply to active substances and plant protection products that are not approved or authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 because their target pest or crop being protected does is not present in the Union, but that do not carry health or environmental concerns.*

## **Amendment 378**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 36 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 36d (new)*

*International dialogue on the use of plant protection products*

*1. Without prejudice to Article 218 TFEU, the Commission, together with the Member States, shall start or maintain, as appropriate, a dialogue with third countries with a view to exchanging information on the use and risk of plant protection products.*

*The aim of the dialogue shall be an exchange regarding possibilities for reducing the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, such as improved safety, regarding fostering integrated pest management practices, and to support third countries in complying with import tolerances and maximum levels of residues of plant protection products as defined by Regulation (EC) No 396/2005, and to strengthen the collection of data on the*

*use and risk of plant protection products.*

## Amendment 379

### Proposal for a regulation Article 38 – paragraph 1

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take the measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall without delay notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any subsequent amendment affecting them.

*Amendment*

***Member States shall ensure an appropriate level of controls.*** Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take the measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive ***and include fines that are proportionate to the gravity and duration of the damage caused and that are sufficient to fulfil their punitive and deterrent function.*** Member States shall, without delay, notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any subsequent amendment affecting them.

## Amendment 380

### Proposal for a regulation Article 39 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States may recover the costs related to carrying out their obligations under this Regulation by means of fees or charges.

*Amendment*

Member States may recover the costs related to carrying out their obligations under this Regulation by means of fees or charges. ***Member States shall ensure that sufficient resources are provided for the implementation of this Regulation.***

## Amendment 381

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 39 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 39a**

**Financing**

**1. Member States shall ensure that professional users are eligible for financial support linked to implementing integrated pest management and reducing the use and risk of chemical plant protection products, including not only direct support, but also the financing of investments to adapt production systems, insurance, and enabling access to knowledge sharing, such as:**

**(a) rewarding participation in plant protection product use reduction schemes;**

**(b) implementing integrated pest management;**

**(c) costs incurred and income forgone due to introducing integrated pest management or the implementation of this Regulation;**

**(d) accessing advice related to integrated pest management, including costs for strategic advice;**

**(d) relevant training, access to information, peer-to-peer exchange, and innovation partnerships with science and technology outreach;**

**(e) investments in tangible assets (equipment) and intangible assets (training, knowledge exchange); or**

**(f) covering costs of managing risk associated with implementing this regulation (mutual funds, insurance in case of reduced yields or income).**

**2. In order to support farmers in reducing the use of chemical plant protection products, Member States shall furthermore consider as many funding sources as possible available to them, including Union funds and national**



*contributions including state aid.*

*3. The Commission shall, assisted by data from the Member States, closely monitor and, by the end of December 2026, evaluate transition costs for farmers related to adopting integrated pest management and its impacts on farm income, and shall publish that evaluation. Where data allow relevant conclusions to be drawn, that evaluation shall also include any positive or negative impacts on resilience and long-term food security.*

*4. By the end of December 2026, the Commission may, where appropriate, propose the creation of a new Union funding instrument for the transition and adaptation of agriculture in the future Multiannual Financial Framework.*

## **Amendment 382**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 39 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **Article 39b**

*The Commission shall support developing countries in establishing an efficient process for re-evaluating pesticide registrations in accordance with contemporary good regulatory practices, and in line with the FAO/WHO Code of Conduct.*

## **Amendment 383**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Commission evaluation

Commission evaluation *and review*

## Amendment 384

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 42 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By ... *[OP: please insert the date = four years after the date of application of this Regulation]*, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation based on the following:

*Amendment*

By **30 June 2027, and every two years thereafter**, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation based on the following:

## Amendment 385

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 42 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) the analysis of the annual trends and data published by the Commission **every two years** in accordance with Article 11;

*Amendment*

(b) the analysis of the annual trends and data published by the Commission in accordance with Article 11;

## Amendment 386

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 42 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ca) the monitoring of residues of plant protection products and their metabolites in the environment and in humans in accordance with Article 23a;**

## Amendment 387

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 42 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(cb) the information provided by Member States in accordance with Article 9;*

## **Amendment 388**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. The evaluation shall in particular assess the implementation of this Regulation with regard to, inter alia:***

***(a) the application of integrated pest management and non-chemical methods in the Member States and the promotion and uptake of alternatives to chemical plant protection products in Member States;***

***(b) the progress towards an increase in the overall sales of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control at Union level in accordance with Articles 4a and 5a;***

***(c) for each crop and relevant pests, the availability, affordability and efficacy of plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control and low-risk plant protection products in the Member States, with a view to ensuring that sufficient tools remain available to limit the presence of harmful organisms and diseases to acceptable levels;***

***(d) the administrative capacity, staffing levels and dedicated budget, at both Member State and Union level, of competent authorities responsible for the assessment of active substances exerting biological control and low-risk active substances as well as the implementation of priority lanes for the authorisation procedure for plant protection products***

*containing solely active substances exerting biological control and low-risk plant protection products at Member State level as provided for in Article 9a;*

*(e) the effectiveness of the Union legislative framework with regard to plant protection products, including this Regulation and changes to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 provided for in this Regulation, with a view to enabling faster approvals and improving the market availability of active substances exerting biological control and low-risk plant protection products while securing a high level of protection for the environment and human health;*

*(f) environmental and economic impacts, including at farm level, and impacts of reducing chemical plant protection products on long-term food security and food sovereignty;*

*(g) the effectiveness of the Union legislative framework with regard to plant protection products, including this Regulation and changes to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 provided for in this Regulation, with a view to effectively protecting the public, in particular vulnerable groups and rural residents, against negative health effects linked to the application of plant protection products;*

*(h) the reporting and monitoring with regard to occupational diseases in accordance with Article 28a and monitoring of plant protection product residues in accordance with Article 23a.*

## **Amendment 389**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall present **a**

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*report* on the main findings to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions.

*reports* on the main findings *of the biennial evaluations under paragraph 1* to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions. *The reports shall indicate the progress towards achieving the Union 2030 and national reduction targets and the Union and national targets for reducing the risk of plant protection products by replacement with low-risk plant protection products and biological control, and consider whether adaptations of those targets might be necessary.*

#### **Amendment 390**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2a. Where the Commission considers that the implementation of this Regulation is unsatisfactory, particularly with regard to the availability of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control, due to a lack of budgetary funds, staff or expertise in competent authorities leading to delays in the authorisation procedure for these substances, it shall exercise its powers at Union level to ensure that Member States meet their obligations.*

#### **Amendment 391**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2b. If the second evaluation report due in 2029 concludes that the*

*implementation of integrated pest management and the availability of non-chemical methods, low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control in the Member States is not enough to ensure the availability of sufficient tools for crop-protection to limit the presence of harmful organisms and diseases to acceptable levels, the Commission shall, where appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to postpone the achievement of the 2030 Union reduction target.*

## Amendment 392

### Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2 c (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2c. Based on the findings of the evaluation reports referred to in paragraph 1 and the updated and new harmonised risk indicators referred to in Article 35(6), the Commission shall develop a strategy for the sustainable use of plant protection products after 2030, and shall assess whether the establishment of targets beyond 2030 will be necessary. The strategy shall take into account the latest scientific developments and statistics on the use of plant protection products.*

*With regard to the sustainable use of plant protection products after 2030, the Commission shall submit an impact assessment and, where appropriate, a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council.*

## Amendment 393

### Proposal for a regulation

## Article 42 – paragraph 2 d (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2d. By ... [OP: insert date three years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall evaluate the approval and authorisation procedures of active substances and plant protection products with a view to improving the assessment and management of health risks for the public, including vulnerable groups and rural residents. That evaluation shall be based on the most up-to-date independent science, on monitoring results and on experience and a public consultation.***

## Amendment 394

### Proposal for a regulation Article 42 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### ***Article 42a***

##### ***Enabling alternatives to chemical plant protection products***

***1. By... [OP: please insert the date = one year after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall present an impact assessment accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal concerning the placing on the market of plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control, aimed at supplementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and facilitating the rapid availability of safe and efficient non-chemical alternatives for plant protection exerting biological control. Taking into account the data provided by Member States in accordance with Article 9 and taking into account social, environmental and economic sustainability, the impact assessment shall evaluate the***

*effectiveness of the approval procedure for plant protection products containing solely active substances that exert biological control and consider, inter alia, the differences between chemical plant protection products and plant protection products containing active substances that exert biological control, in terms of data requirements and facilitating the extension of authorisations for plant protection products containing active substances that exert biological control to other crops. Where appropriate, the Commission shall also recommend measures to ensure sufficient resources at Union and Member State level to significantly accelerate the authorisation procedures and potentially extend approval periods of plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control.*

#### **Amendment 395**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 43**

Regulation (EU) 2115/2021

Article 31 – paragraph 5 – Article 70 – paragraph 3 – Article 73 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 43*

*deleted*

*Amendments to Regulation (EU)  
2021/2115*

*Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 is amended as follows:*

*(1) in Article 31(5), the following subparagraph is added:*

*‘By way of derogation from points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph, where in accordance with Regulation (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>\*89</sup> requirements are imposed on farmers, support may be granted to comply with those requirements for a maximum period*



*ending on the later one of the two dates –  
... [OP: insert the date = 5 years from the  
date of entry into force of this Regulation]  
or 5 years from the date on which they  
become mandatory for the holding.*

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*\* Regulation (EU) .../... of the European  
Parliament and of the Council ... on the  
sustainable use of plant protection  
products and amending Regulation (EU)  
2021/2115 (OJ ...).’.*

*(2) In Article 70(3), the following  
subparagraph is added:*

*‘By way of derogation from points (a) and  
(b) of the first subparagraph of this  
paragraph, where in accordance with  
Regulation (EU) .../...<sup>90</sup> requirements are  
imposed on beneficiaries, support may be  
granted to comply with those  
requirements for a maximum period  
ending on the later one of the two dates –  
... [OP: insert the date = 5 years from the  
date of entry into force of this Regulation]  
or 5 years from the date on which they  
become mandatory for the holding.’;*

*(3) in Article 73(5), the following  
subparagraph is added:*

*‘By way of derogation from the first  
subparagraph of this paragraph, where in  
accordance with Regulation (EU) .../...<sup>++</sup>  
requirements are imposed on farmers,  
support may be granted to comply with  
those requirements for a maximum period  
ending on the later one of the two dates –  
... [OP: insert the date = 5 years from the  
date of entry into force of this Regulation]  
or 5 years from the date on which they  
become mandatory for the holding.’.*

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*<sup>89</sup> +OJ: Please insert in the text the  
number of the Regulation contained in  
document ... and insert the number, date  
and the OJ reference of that Regulation  
in the footnote.*

*<sup>90</sup> ++OJ: Please insert in the text the*

*number of the Regulation contained in document ...'*

*Justification*

*The Commission's proposal is not accompanied by a corresponding budget for support for farmers. Once again the Commission is counting on using CAP funds, committed in the respective strategic plans, to finance other legislative proposals; this is unacceptable.*

**Amendment 396**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 43 a (new)**

Regulation (EU) 1107/2009

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 43a**

***Regulation (EU) 1107/2009 is amended as follows:***

***(1) The following Article is inserted:***

***'Article 9a***

***Priority for the authorisation of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control.***

***Member States shall require their competent authorities to establish a priority lane for the authorisation of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control in the application procedures for the approval of an active substance.'***;

***(2) In Article 11, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***

***'1. The rapporteur Member State shall prepare a report, referred to as the 'draft assessment report', assessing whether the active substance can be expected to meet the approval criteria provided for in Article 4. This report shall be submitted to the Commission, with a copy to the***

*Authority, as follows:*

*(a) 6 months from the date of the notification provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 9(3) in the case of an application for approval of an active substance that exerts biological control within the meaning of Article 3(23a) of Regulation (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council\*+, where the Member State expects the active substance to be a low-risk active substance.*

*(b) 12 months from the date of the notification provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 9(3) in the case of an application for approval of other active substances.*

*By ... [OP please insert the date 18 months from the entry into force of this Regulation], Member States shall ensure that competent authorities have sufficient budget, staff and expertise to carry out the assessments in the respective periods.*

*The Commission shall assess the need for additional funding for the training and employment of regulatory staff within EFSA and the Commission, to prevent delays in the authorisation process for low-risk active substances and active substances exerting biological control.*

*The Commission shall furthermore publish guidance documents to further facilitate the approval of low-risk active substances and active substances exerting biological control under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, while ensuring a high level of protection for human health and the environment.’;*

*(3) The following Article 30a is inserted:*

*‘Provisional authorisations for plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control within the meaning of Article 3(23) of Regulation .../...++.*

*1. By way of derogation from Article 29(1) point (a), Member States may authorise,*

*for a provisional period not exceeding three years, the placing on the market of plant protection products containing solely active substances that exert biological control within the meaning of Article 3(23a) of Regulation .../...++ which have not yet been approved, provided that:*

*(a) the decision on approval of the active substance(s) that exert biological control has not been finalised within a period of 12 months from the submission of the draft assessment report to the Commission as set out in Article 11(1), point (a), extended by any additional period set in accordance with Article 11(3) or Article 12(2) or (3);*

*(b) pursuant to Article 9 the dossier on the active substance is admissible in relation to the proposed uses;*

*(c) the Member State concludes that the active substance(s) that exert biological control is expected to satisfy the requirements of Article 4(2) and (3) and that the plant protection product is expected to satisfy the requirements of Article 29(1), points (b) to (h), and fulfils the requirements set out in Article 29(3);*

*(d) the Member State concludes that the plant protection product is expected to be approved as a 'low-risk plant protection product' as referred to in Article 47; and*

*(e) where relevant, maximum residue levels have been established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.*

*2. In such cases as outlined in paragraph 1, the Member State shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission of its assessment of the dossier and of the terms of the authorisation, giving at least the information provided for in Article 57(1).*

*3. Where a decision on the approval of the active substance(s) exerting biological control referred to in paragraph 1 has not*

*yet been adopted when the period of provisional authorisation for the relevant plant protection product has expired, the Member States which granted the provisional authorisation may extend it for a period not exceeding one year, provided that points (a) to (c) of paragraph 1 still apply. In such cases, the Member State shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission.*

*4. In the case the active substance(s) exerting biological control referred to in paragraph 1 is not approved, the provisional authorisation for the placing on the market of the relevant plant protection product shall be withdrawn immediately and the Member State shall inform the other Member States and the Commission accordingly without delay.*

*5. The provisions of this article shall apply without prejudice to the provisions on the amendment and withdrawal of authorisations laid down in Articles 44 and 45 of this Regulation. Where a Member State decides to withdraw or amend the provisional authorisation granted under this article, it shall inform the other Member States and the Commission accordingly without delay.*

*6. By ... [OP: insert the date five years from the date of entry into force of this Regulation] the Commission shall review, and, where appropriate, present a legislative proposal to amend this article.*

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*++ OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Regulation contained in document (2022/0196(COD)).';*

*(4) in Article 74, the following paragraphs are added:*

*‘2a. Member States shall ensure that funds received from the fees or charges referred to in paragraph 1 are reserved for the competent authority as designated under Article 75.*

*2b. Member States shall ensure that sufficient funding is ring-fenced for the competent authority as designated under Article 75 to prevent delays in authorisation procedures. ‘;*

## **Amendment 397**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 45 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

It shall apply from ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day of the month following ... months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation].

*Amendment*

It shall apply from ... [OP: please insert the date = the first day of the month following **6** months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation].

## **Amendment 398**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex -I (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### ***ANNEX -I***

#### ***CATEGORIES OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES THAT EXERT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL***

- 1. Living microorganisms***
- 2. Semiochemicals***
- 3. Extracts from natural sources, in particular plants and algae, and substances produced by microorganisms***

*4. Substances identical to those produced by biological organisms or that are constituents of biological organisms*

*5. Inorganic substances as occurring in nature, with the exception of heavy metals and their salts*

## Amendment 399

### Proposal for a regulation Annex I – subheading 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE TWO UNION AND TWO NATIONAL **2030** REDUCTION TARGETS

*Amendment*

METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE TWO UNION AND TWO NATIONAL REDUCTION TARGETS

## Amendment 400

### Proposal for a regulation Annex I – paragraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation is the instrument used to achieve the pesticide reduction targets contained in the Farm to Fork Strategy by requiring each Member State to contribute to achieving by 2030 a 50 % Union-wide reduction of **both** the use and risk of chemical plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 1') and the use of more hazardous plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 2'). This Regulation also regulates the contribution of each Member State to these Union targets. Each Member State contribution, set in the form of a national target, to Union 2030 reduction target 1 is referred to as a 'national **2030** reduction target 1', while a Member State contribution to Union 2030 reduction target 2 is referred to

*Amendment*

This Regulation is the instrument used to achieve the pesticide reduction targets contained in the Farm to Fork Strategy by requiring each Member State to contribute to achieving by 2030 **at least** a 50 % Union-wide reduction of the use and risk of chemical plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 1') and **a 65% Union-wide reduction of** the use of more hazardous plant protection products ('Union 2030 reduction target 2'). This Regulation also regulates the contribution of each Member State to these Union targets. Each Member State contribution, set in the form of a national target, to Union 2030 reduction target 1 is referred to as a 'national reduction target 1', while a Member State contribution to Union 2030

as a ‘national **2030** reduction target 2’. The methodology for calculating progress towards achieving these targets is set out below:

reduction target 2 is referred to as a ‘national reduction target 2’. The methodology for calculating progress towards achieving these targets is set out below:

#### **Amendment 401**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

National **2030** reduction target 1: methodology for estimating progress towards the reduction in use and risk of chemical plant protection products

National reduction target 1: methodology for estimating progress towards the reduction in use and risk of chemical plant protection products

#### **Amendment 402**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – point 3 – table 1 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Categorisation of active substances and hazard weightings for the purpose of calculating progress towards national **2030** reduction target 1

Categorisation of active substances and hazard weightings for the purpose of calculating progress towards national reduction target 1

#### **Amendment 403**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – point 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. The baseline for reduction target 1 shall be set at 100, and is equal to the average result of the above calculation for the period **2015-2017**.

4. The baseline for reduction target 1 shall be set at 100, and is equal to the average result of the above calculation for the period **2013 to 2017**.



## **Amendment 404**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – point 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The Commission shall calculate the progress towards achieving reduction target 1 in accordance with Article 34(2) of this Regulation for each calendar year and at the latest **20** months after the end of the year for which progress towards the reduction target 1 is being calculated.

*Amendment*

6. The Commission shall calculate the progress towards achieving reduction target 1 in accordance with Article 34(2) of this Regulation for each calendar year and at the latest **12** months after the end of the year for which progress towards the reduction target 1 is being calculated.

## **Amendment 405**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 2 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The baseline for reduction target 2 shall be set at 100, and is equal to the average result of the above calculation for the period **2015-2017**.

*Amendment*

3. The baseline for reduction target 2 shall be set at 100, and is equal to the average result of the above calculation for the period **2013 to 2017**.

## **Amendment 406**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 2 – point 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The Commission shall calculate progress towards achieving reduction target 2 in accordance with Article 34(2) of this Regulation for each calendar year and at the latest **20** months after the end of the year for which progress towards reduction target 2 is being calculated.

*Amendment*

5. The Commission shall calculate progress towards achieving reduction target 2 in accordance with Article 34(2) of this Regulation for each calendar year and at the latest **12** months after the end of the year for which progress towards reduction target 2 is being calculated.

## **Amendment 407**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – subheading 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

DATA TO BE PROVIDED IN ANNUAL PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS BY 31 **AUGUST** OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

*Amendment*

DATA TO BE PROVIDED IN ANNUAL PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS BY 31 **DECEMBER** OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

**Amendment 408**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – Part 1 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Annual trends in progress towards achieving national **2030** reduction targets

*Amendment*

Annual trends in progress towards achieving national reduction targets

**Amendment 409**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – Part 1 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. the trends in a Member State's progress towards achieving the two national **2030** reduction targets referred to in Article 10(2), point (a);

*Amendment*

1. the trends in a Member State's progress towards achieving the two national reduction targets referred to in Article 10(2), point (a);

**Amendment 410**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – Part 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. all other national **indicative** targets indicated in Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a) and Article 9(4).

*Amendment*

2. all other national targets indicated in **Article 5a**, Article 9(2), point (a), Article 9(3), point (a), and Article 9(4).

## Amendment 411

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – point 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. the percentage of professional users controlled for integrated pest management implementation;

*Amendment*

1. the percentage **and absolute number** of professional users controlled for integrated pest management implementation;

## Amendment 412

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – point 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. the percentage of professional users **failing to comply** with the obligation to keep electronic records on integrated pest management implementation;

*Amendment*

2. the percentage **and absolute number** of professional users **complying** with the obligation to keep electronic records on integrated pest management implementation;

## Amendment 413

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. the percentage of professional users that **failed to** comply with the obligation to keep **pesticide** use data electronically;

*Amendment*

3. the percentage **and absolute number** of professional users that comply with the obligation to keep **plant protection product** use data electronically;

## Amendment 414

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – point 7 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**7a. the number of low-risk plant protection products and plant protection products containing solely active substances exerting biological control authorised for use in the Member State's territory;**

## **Amendment 415**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part 2 – point 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

11. the percentage of professional users that ***failed to comply*** with the obligation to use independent advisory services at least once a year.

11. the percentage ***and absolute number*** of professional users that ***complied*** with the obligation to use independent advisory services at least once a year.

## **Amendment 416**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 3 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) risks to non-target plants ***and*** insects, wildlife, biodiversity and the environment in general.

(c) risks to non-target plants, insects, ***and other organisms which provide key ecosystem services***, wildlife, biodiversity and the environment in general.

## **Amendment 417**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. Integrated pest management strategies and techniques, integrated crop management strategies and techniques,

4. Integrated pest management strategies and techniques, ***including relevant agronomic training enabling***

organic farming principles, biological pest control methods, harmful organism control methods, the obligation to apply integrated pest management as set out in Articles 12 and 13 of this Regulation, and the obligation to enter records in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register, as set out in Article 14 of this Regulation.

***professional users to implement these and information on the general principles and for integrated pest management,*** integrated crop management strategies and techniques, ***agro-ecological and*** organic farming principles, biological pest control methods, harmful organism control methods, the obligation to apply integrated pest management as set out in Articles 12 and 13 of this Regulation, and the obligation to enter records in the electronic integrated pest management and plant protection product use register, as set out in Article 14 of this Regulation.

## Amendment 418

### Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 6 – point c a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ca) recommended ways to communicate with the general public about the use of chemical plant protection products, such as giving residents prior notification about plant protection product use in their vicinity;***

## Amendment 419

### Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 8

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

8. Practical training on the use of application equipment and its maintenance, and on risk mitigation measures including specific spraying techniques, use of new technology including precision farming techniques, as well as the technical check of sprayers in use and ways to improve spray quality. In this subject special attention shall be paid to the drift-reduction

8. Practical training on the use of application equipment and its maintenance, ***health and safety aspects,*** and on risk mitigation measures ***for humans, non-target organisms and the environment,*** including specific spraying techniques, use of new technology including precision farming techniques, as well as the technical check of sprayers in use and ways to

nozzles and the recommendations made by the manufacturers concerning optimal conditions of their use. Specific risks linked to use of handheld application equipment or knapsack sprayers and the relevant risk management measures. Practical training shall also cover the specific risks linked to the sowing of seeds treated with plant protection products.

improve spray quality. In this subject special attention shall be paid to the drift-reduction nozzles and the recommendations made by the manufacturers concerning optimal conditions of their use. Specific risks linked to use of handheld application equipment or knapsack sprayers and the relevant risk management measures. Practical training shall also cover the specific risks linked to the sowing of seeds treated with plant protection products.

## Amendment 420

### Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

10. Special care in sensitive areas as defined in Article **2(15)** of this Regulation and protection areas established under Articles 6 and 7 of Directive 2000/60/EC and an awareness of contamination caused by particular plant protection products in their respective region.

*Unchanged text included in the compromise*

10. Special care in sensitive areas as defined in Article **3(16)** of this Regulation and protection areas established under Articles 6 and 7 of Directive 2000/60/EC and an awareness of contamination caused by particular plant protection products in their respective region.

## Amendment 421

### Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Section 2 – point 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. This indicator shall be based on statistics on the quantities of active substances placed on the market in plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, provided to the Commission (Eurostat) under Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009. Those data are categorised into 4 groups.

*Amendment*

1. This indicator shall be based on statistics on the quantities of active substances placed on the market in plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 ***in combination with the mean application rates of chemical active substances based on their representative uses<sup>1a</sup> which have been evaluated under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009***, provided

to the Commission (Eurostat) under Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009. Those data are categorised into 4 groups.

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*<sup>1a</sup> as referred to in the application, and published by the European Commission as Final Review Reports for the active substances in the EU Pesticide Database ([https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database_en)).*

## Amendment 422

### Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Section 2 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Harmonised risk indicator 1 shall be calculated by **multiplying** the annual quantities of active substances in plant protection products placed on the market for each group in Table 1 by the relevant hazard weighting set out in row (iii), followed by the aggregation of the results of these calculations.

*Amendment*

Harmonised risk indicator 1 shall be calculated by **dividing** the annual quantities of active substances in plant protection products placed on the market **by the mean application rate per hectare of its representative uses<sup>1a</sup> and multiplying the results** for each group in Table 1 by the relevant hazard weighting set out in row (iii), followed by the aggregation of the results of these calculations.

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*<sup>1a</sup> as referred to in the application, and published by the European Commission as Final Review Reports for the active substances in the EU Pesticide Database ([https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database_en)).*

## Amendment 423

### Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Section 2 – Table 1 – row 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on
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	the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009
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*Amendment*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 <b><i>standardized by the mean application rate per hectare of its representative uses evaluated in the approval procedure under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.</i></b>
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**Amendment 424**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Annex VI – Section 2 – Table 1 – row 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iii)	1	8	16	<b>64</b>
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*Amendment*

(iii)	1	8	16	*
<b><i>*(the weighing factor associated with the last group assignment before loss of approval)</i></b>				

**Amendment 425**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Annex VI – Section 3 – Table 2 – row 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009
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*Amendment*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009
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	<i>standardized by the mean application rate per hectare of its representative uses evaluated in the approval procedure under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009</i>			
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#### Amendment 426

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Annex VI – Section 3 – Table 2 – row 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iii)	1	8	16	<b>64</b>
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*Amendment*

(iii)	1	8	16	*
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*\* The weighting factor associated with the last group assignment before loss of approval*

#### Amendment 427

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Annex VI – Section 4 – Table 3 – row 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009			
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*Amendment*

(ii)	Hazard weightings applicable to quantities of active substances placed on the market in products authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 <i>standardized by the mean application rate per hectare of its representative uses evaluated in the approval procedure under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009</i>			
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#### Amendment 428

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Annex VI – Section 4 – Table 3 – row 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iii)	1	8	16	<b>64</b>
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*Amendment*

(iii)	1	8	16	*
<i>* The weighting factor associated with the last group assignment before loss of approval</i>				