Article 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 18a

Member States shall, having due regard for the necessary hygiene and public health requirements and biodiversity, or the results of relevant risk assessments, ensure that the use of plant protection products is minimised in ecologically sensitive areas. Appropriate risk management measures shall be taken and the use of low-risk plant protection products as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and biological control measures shall be considered in the first place.
Amendment 584
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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Sustainable use of plant protection products
(COM(2022)0305 – C9-0207/2022 – 2022/0196(COD))

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 19

Measures to protect the aquatic environment and drinking water

1. The use of all plant protection products is prohibited on all surface waters and within 3 metres of such waters. This 3 metre buffer zone shall not be reduced by using alternative risk-mitigation techniques.

2. Member States may establish larger mandatory buffer zones adjacent to surface waters.

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 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.

Or. en
Amendment 585
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the aerial application has a less negative impact on human health and the environment than any alternative application method either because the aerial application equipment can be deployed on the relevant terrain in a faster timescale than land-based equipment and avoids a situation where the number of plant pests increases due to the longer time period required for land-based deployment or because it minimizes soil erosion when adverse weather conditions make the land unsuitable for land vehicles, and all of the following conditions are met:

Amendment

(b) the aerial application has a less negative impact on human health, the environment and crop yield than any alternative application method either because the aerial application equipment can be deployed on the relevant terrain in a faster timescale than land-based equipment and avoids a situation where the number of pathogens increases due to the longer time period required for land-based deployment or because it minimizes damages to the soil structure when adverse weather conditions make the land unsuitable for land vehicles, and all of the following conditions are met:

Or. en
Amendment 586
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

Report
A9-0339/2023

Sustainable use of plant protection products
(COM(2022)0305 – C9-0207/2022 – 2022/0196(COD))

Proposal for a regulation
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Article 20 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) the aircraft is equipped with accessories that constitute the best available technology to accurately apply the plant protection products and to reduce spray drift;

Amendment

(ii) the aircraft is equipped with accessories that accurately applies the plant protection products and reduces spray drift;

Or. en
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Amendment 587
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

Report A9-0339/2023

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) the plant protection product is authorized for use via aerial application under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

Amendment

(iii) deleted

Or. en
Amendment 588
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the validity period of the permit for aerial application, which shall be for a limited period with a precisely defined start and end date that is the shortest possible

Amendment

and shall not exceed 60 days;

(b) the validity period of the permit for aerial application, which shall be for a limited period with a precisely defined start and end date that is the shortest possible, for example 60 days, but may be extended if necessary;

Or. en
15.11.2023
Amendment 589
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 4 – point d

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Or. en
Amendment 590
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A professional user that has been granted a permit for aerial application shall at least 2 days before the date of each specific aerial application display notices to that effect on the perimeter of the area to be treated.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en
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Amendment 591
Alexander Bernhuber
on behalf of the PPE Group

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(COM(2022)0305 – C9-0207/2022 – 2022/0196(COD))

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 unmanned aircraft fulfil the criteria set out in paragraph 2, a Member State shall permit aerial application by such unmanned aircraft from the prohibition laid down in Article 20(1) prior to any aerial application of plant protection products.

Or. en
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. Member States shall establish, within six months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation, a register of unmanned aircraft vehicles approved and available for the application of plant protection products. Member States may use the following criteria for the register: