

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3401/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Withdrawal of endosulfan authorisation

On 2 December 2005, the European Commission decided not to include endosulfan in Annex I of Council Directive 91/414/EEC¹, and to withdraw authorisation for phytopharmaceutical products containing this active substance (see notice C(2005)4611).

This product has been used up to now by French farmers to combat an organism harmful to field beans and enable the product to be exported.

Article 2 of the decision states, inter alia, that a Member State may keep the authorisation for phytopharmaceutical products containing endosulfan in force until 30 June 2007, provided it ensures that substitute products or methods are actively investigated, in particular using an action plan.

Can the Commission indicate how these action plans for investigating substitute solutions have been implemented in the EU, in particular in France, and what the results were?

¹ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p1