

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0918/10

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to the Commission

Subject: Evaluation of Initium-based fungicides in accordance with Directive 91/414/EEC

In January Romania granted temporary authorisation for Initium-based fungicides for a period of three years, in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 91/414/EEC¹ concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. The substance is to be used to prevent damage to grapes and vegetables.

This fungicide was the subject of an evaluation report by the European Food Safety Authority, adopted in October 2009 (EFSA-Q-2009-00700 - Reasoned opinion of EFSA: Setting of new MRLs for BAS 650 F in table and wine grapes, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, courgettes, melons and lettuce).

Bearing in mind the concerns of Romanian citizens regarding the possible negative effects that the use of this fungicide might have on human health, can the Commission answer the following question:

Given that the evaluation report has not yet been analysed by other researchers (peer review procedure) and the conclusions are considered provisional, what is the current state of this procedure in accordance with Directive 91/414/EEC?

¹ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.