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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's non-renewal of the approvals of chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl

On 6 December, at the meeting of the PAFF Committee, the Member States voted on two draft Implementing Regulations proposing to not renew the approvals of chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl.

The Commission formally adopted the Regulations on 10 January 2020, meaning that Member States must, within one month, withdraw all authorisations for plant protection products containing the active substances ¹.

According to various media coverage in Italy, the Italian Minister of Agriculture intends to ask for a derogation in order to ensure that both active substances, and any products containing them, can continue to be used in Italy ².

Taking into account that EFSA identified concerns about possible genotoxic and neurological effects during development, supported by epidemiological data indicating effects on children, meaning, inter alia, that no safe exposure level can be set for these substances and that they meet the criteria for classification as toxic for reproduction (category 1B):

Could the Commission clarify whether a Member State can ask and obtain a derogation for plant protection products containing such active substances banned by the EU?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/approval_active_substances/chlorpyrifos_chlorpyrifos-methyl_en

² http://www.ansa.it/canale_terraegusto/notizie/mondo_agricolo/2019/12/06/cimice-bellanova-a-ue-grave-errore-mancata-autorizzazione_8cbdaae1-e2c9-4217-882b-8806bfd47c3a.html