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to the Commission**

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Subject: Evaluation of plant protection products

The Pesticides Peer Review Unit of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is responsible for the EU's peer review of risk assessments of active substances used in plant protection products. However, the methodology used in these product assessments is not totally clear.

Is the Commission planning to consolidate the methodology for assessing active substances designated for plant protection?

Is the effect on non-target groups, especially of eco-toxicity on the most endangered amphibians and reptiles in the EU-27, evaluated each time before an active substance is approved?

EFSA's evaluation of individual active substances may not be enough to safeguard food safety nor human health if the end product contains a mix of approved substances that can produce a cocktail effect with devastating consequences on food safety, human health, pollinators, water quality and the environment in general. Therefore, an evaluation of the final product may be more effective.

How does the Commission envisage tackling the unwanted cocktail effect of plant protection products?