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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Triflusulfuron-methyl (pesticide active substance)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23 11185 00 e.pdf

6. **Description of content:** This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing triflusulfuron-methyl as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the European Union under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC.

This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following non-approval and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action may be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.

This draft Commission Implementing Regulation was also notified under the TBT Agreement in notice G/TBT/N/EU/993

- Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] plant protection,
   [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

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|     | [] International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ):  |
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|     | [X] None   |
|     | Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?  |
|     | []Yes []No   |
|     | If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:   |
| 9.  | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:   |
|     | <ul> <li>Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107&amp;qid=1437730988988&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107&amp;qid=1437730988988&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011</li> </ul> |
|     | implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of approved active substances ( <i>OJ L 153, 11 June 2011, p. 1–186</i> )<br>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-   |
|     | <ul> <li><u>content/EN/TXT/?qid=1442928512004&amp;uri=CELEX:32011R0540</u></li> <li>Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl</li> <li><u>Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance triflusulfuron-methyl   EFSA (europa.eu)</u></li> </ul>  |
|     | (available in English)   |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption ( <i>dd/mm/yy</i> ): 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2023.<br>Proposed date of publication ( <i>dd/mm/yy</i> ): 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2023.  |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Three days following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  |
|     | [] Trade facilitating measure  |
| 12. | <b>Final date for comments:</b> [] <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (</b> <i>dd/mm/yy</i> <b>):</b> Not applicable. Comments are only welcomed on TBT related issues and to be addressed to the TBT Enquiry Point on notice G/TBT/N/EU/993.   |
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|     | Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification<br>Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if<br>available) of other body:   |
|     | Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if  |
| 13. | Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if<br>available) of other body:<br>European Commission<br>EU-TBT Enquiry Point<br>Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43   |