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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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): Acibenzolar-S-methyl (pesticide active substance)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the approval of the active substance acibenzolar-S-methyl in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 and repealing Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2016/389 (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_01766_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance acibenzolar-S-methyl is withdrawn in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU member States shall withdraw authorizations for plant protection products containing acibenzolar-S-methyl as an active substance. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following withdrawal and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action will likely 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/997.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32009R1107 - Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011 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>) https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32011R0540 - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2021. Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance acibenzolar-S-methyl https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6687
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter 2024. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter 2024.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 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/997.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</p>