Basic information

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Resolution on the draft Commission regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for clothianidin, cycloxydim, epoxiconazole, flonicamid, haloxyfop, mandestrobin, mepiquat, Metschnikowia fructicola strain NRRL Y-27328 and prohexadione in or on certain products **Subject** 3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players

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Key events

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14/01/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	D059754/02	
16/01/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/03/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0195/2019	Summary
13/03/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0195/2019	13/03/2019	Summary

European Commission

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2019/2520(RPS) - 13/03/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 514 votes to 81, with 20 abstentions, a resolution objecting to the draft Commission regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for clothianidin, cycloxydim, epoxiconazole, flonicamid, haloxyfop, mandestrobin, mepiquat, Metschnikowia fructicola strain NRRL Y-27328 and prohexadione in or on certain products.

Parliament opposed the adoption of the Commission's draft implementing regulation, considering that it was not compatible with the aim and content of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin.

In particular, Parliament noted that the draft Commission Regulation raised the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for clothianidin from 0.03 mg/kg to 0.3 mg/kg, while the MRLs for this substance should remain at 0.03 mg/kg.

Recalling that the use of clothianidin as a pesticide was generally harmful to pollinators, Members considered that the decision to register clothianidin could not be justified, as there is insufficient evidence to suggest that unacceptable risks to animals, food safety and pollinators will be prevented.

Parliament considered that the European Food Safety Authority’s (EFSA) opinion did not take into account the cumulative risk to human health and bees; believes that effects on pollinators and the environment should be taken into account when evaluating MRLs. It called on the Member States and on EFSA to exercise greater vigilance towards the health of the public and pollinators when evaluating applications for MRLs.

On the basis of these considerations, Parliament asked the Commission to withdraw its draft regulation and present a new legislative proposal that respects the precautionary principle.