Basic information

2021/2869(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Resolution on Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1449 of 3 September 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540 /2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of the active substances 2-phenylphenol (including its salts such as the sodium salt), 8-hydroxyquinoline, amidosulfuron, bifenox, chlormequat, chlorotoluron, clofentezine, clomazone, cypermethrin, daminozide, deltamethrin, dicamba, difenoconazole, diflufenican, dimethachlor, etofenprox, fenoxaprop-P, fenpropidin, fludioxonil, flufenacet, fosthiazate, indoxacarb, lenacil, MCPA, MCPB, nicosulfuron, paraffin oils, paraffin oil, penconazole, picloram, propaquizafop, prosulfocarb, quizalofop-P-ethyl, quizalofop-P-tefuryl, sulphur, tetraconazole, tri-allate, triflusulfuron and tritosulfuron **Subject** 3.10.09 Plant health legislation, organic farming, agro-genetics in general	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	ARENA Maria (S&D)	01/09/2021
		METZ Tilly (Greens/EFA)	01/09/2021
		HAZEKAMP Anja (The Left)	01/09/2021

European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**
	Environment	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/10/2021	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/10/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0409/2021	Summary

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B9-0481/2021	05/10/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0409/2021	06/10/2021	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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2021/2869(RSP) - 06/10/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 407 votes to 256, with 24 abstentions, a resolution **objecting** to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1449 of 3 September 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of the active substances including chlorotoluron and difenoconazole.

The approval period for the active substance chlorotoluron has been once again extended by one year which extends the approval period until 31 October 2022.

Members recalled that chlorotoluron has a harmonised classification of very toxic to aquatic life, very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects, suspected of causing cancer (Carc. 2) and suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Parliament considered that that Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1449 exceeds the implementing powers provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1107 /2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. It considered that the decision to extend the approval periods for chlorotoluron and difenoconazole is not in line with the safety criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and is based neither on evidence that those substances can be used safely, nor on a proven urgent need for those substances in food production in the Union.

The Commission is called on to:

- repeal Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1449 and to submit a new draft to the committee, which takes into account the scientific evidence on the harmful properties of all the substances concerned, especially of chlorotoluron and difenoconazole;

- only present draft implementing regulations to extend the approval periods of substances for which the current state of science is not expected to lead to a Commission proposal for non-renewal of the approval of the active substance concerned;

- withdraw the approvals for substances if proof or reasonable doubt exists that they will not meet the safety criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

Lastly, Member States should ensure the proper and timely reassessment of the approvals for the active substances for which they are the reporting Member States, and to ensure that current delays are solved effectively and as soon as possible.