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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance malathion (Draft Review Report SANCO/10668/2009 final Rev2).

Vote taken: No opinion

Reasons for abstention/negative opinion:

- The approval should be withdrawn given that the substance meets one of the cut-off criteria.
- Malathion important for agriculture and additional mitigation measures or changes to the use pattern could be explored to mitigate the risk to birds.
- Restricting the approval infringes on the principle of subsidiarity.

The Commission announced that the draft Regulation will be referred to the Appeal Committee according to the relevant procedures.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance oxasulfuron in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (Draft Review Report SANTE/10886/2017 Rev2).

The final drafts of the renewal report and Regulation were presented.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

Reasons for abstention/negative opinion:

Data gaps were not found severe enough to lead to a non-renewal and could be solved at Member State level.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance pymetrozine, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (Draft Review Report SANTE/00103/2015 Rev5).

Vote taken: No opinion

Reasons for abstention/negative opinion:

- The risk of groundwater contamination by relevant metabolites of pymetrozine was acceptable when applied once every third year on the same field.
- The lack of assessment of the impact of anaerobic degradation on groundwater for the use on oilseed rape not considered a reason for not renewing the approval.
- Pymetrozine is important for use on oilseed rape since the neonicotinoid substances can no longer be used.
- High importance of the substance to specific cultivations.

The Commission announced that the draft Regulation will be referred to the Appeal Committee according to the relevant procedures.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance fenamidone, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (Draft Renewal Report SANTE/11004/2016 Rev3).

The final drafts of the renewal report and Regulation were presented.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

Reasons for abstention/negative opinion:

- Provisional reference values could be established and other issues could be solved by requesting confirmatory information.
- Risk assessment for human health completed despite the shortcomings in the assessment of the genotoxic potential.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance thiram, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (Draft Renewal Report SANTE/11020/2017 Rev4).

Vote taken: No opinion

Reasons for abstention/negative opinion:

- New data is available to show an acceptable risk for birds and mammals for seed treatment and there is concern that there is a lack of alternative fungicides available.
- Thiram considered essential for agriculture to be used as a seed treatment.
- Support of a renewal of approval restricted to use as seed treatment.

- Thiram considered an important active substance for seed treatment of vegetables, maize and sugarbeet.
- There are ways to mitigate the risks identified for birds and mammals leading to safe use of the substance.
- Risk to birds and mammals can be addressed via new data and the other issues via confirmatory data.
- There are ways to mitigate the risks identified including by using lower rates of application for use as a seed treatment.
- Lack of all information required to base a final decision.

The Commission announced that the draft Regulation will be referred to the Appeal Committee according to the relevant procedures.