



Chlorpropham Task Force update following October SCoPAFF meeting

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Situation

- Member States did not vote on the Commission's proposal for non-renewal of Chlorpropham at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 23 and 24 October 2018.

Task force position

- The Task Force is pleased that a significant number of Member States chose not to support the Commission's proposal for non-renewal, effectively preventing a vote from being held.
- The Task Force remains convinced that existing data clearly demonstrate the safety of Chlorpropham uses for the environment and humans. Several Member States, including the Rapporteur Member State for Chlorpropham the Netherlands, clearly support this view.
- The Task Force remains in discussion with Member States and the European Commission to find a possible solution to safeguard the continued use of Chlorpropham.
- The Task Force is actively working with stakeholders to help keep Chlorpropham on the market in the EU; providing EU growers with continued access to this valuable agricultural tool.
- As there was no vote, there are no updates on potential further timelines for product authorizations. As informed previously, potato-storage season 2018-2019 is expected to run with the currently authorized uses. Winter-applications 2018 of the herbicide are also expected to be applicable.

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