



Status update on the renewal of chlorpropham

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In view of recent developments in the renewal process of the active substance chlorpropham under Regulation (EU) 1107/2009, we hereby give a short summary of the current status.

Based on the European Food Standards Agency (EFSA) conclusion, the European Commission has notified the World Trade Organisation on 29 March 2018 of their non-renewal proposal for chlorpropham. This routine procedural step is required in order to identify potential trade barriers before voting. The substance has not been discussed in detail at the EU level and, the taskforce (Certis, Aceto and UPL) and their partner Arysta are still confident that chlorpropham can be renewed. This confidence is based on the following points:

- Safe herbicide use in lettuce and onions has been confirmed by the Rapporteur Member State the Netherlands, that assessed the chlorpropham dossier. These two uses represent a wide range of existing uses in both major and minor crops across Europe. **Based on these herbicide uses, renewal of chlorpropham is warranted.**
- For the use of chlorpropham as a potato sprout inhibitor, the taskforce has shown that an acceptable consumer risk assessment is possible. This is solely based on studies that have been assessed in the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) and using the conservative assumptions established by EFSA in their conclusion. These safe uses require an additional withholding period after treatment.

In summary, based on the current renewal dossier, an acceptable consumer risk assessment and safe representative uses as herbicide and with some mediations also as sprout inhibitor can be shown. **The active substance chlorpropham should therefore be renewed.**

For more information, please contact your Task Force representative.

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