



Chlorpropham Task Force update following February SCoPAFF meeting

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Situation

- The TF understands that an official vote was taken on the Commission's proposal for non-renewal of Chlorpropham at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 21 and 22 February 2019.
- No Qualified majority was reached in favor of the proposal.
- The EU Commission can now decide to move the existing proposal forward to an Appeal Committee or to propose the existing or an altered proposal at a next Standing Committee meeting.
- If there is agreement at Appeal for non-renewal or even an impasse where no opinion is delivered on the existing or alternative proposals, the Commission can proceed with non-renewal.

Task force position

- The Task Force is pleased that a significant number of Member States continue to not support the Commission's proposal for non-renewal.
- The Task Force remains convinced that existing data clearly demonstrate the safety of Chlorpropham uses for the environment and humans and that renewal of the herbicide should be possible based on science.
- 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 qualified majority for the existing proposal, 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 2019 of the herbicide are also expected to be applicable. For potato-storage season 2019-2020, no information can be given at this point.

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