



Chlorpropham Task Force update following July 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 19 and 20 July 2018.

Task force position

- The Task Force understands 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. The risk assessment based on the tentative conversion factors indicates safe use as an herbicide with large margins of safety the Rapporteur Member State (the Netherlands) and other Member States supporting this view.
- The Task Force remains in discussion with the European Commission to find a possible solution to safeguard the continued use of Chlorpropham.
- As the vote was not taken in July, 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.
- As Chlorpropham could be voted on at the next SCoPAFF in October, 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.

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