



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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### Legislative and regulatory News



#### **France: Compensation for children exposed to pesticides during the prenatal period**

By a [decree](#) dated January 7, 2022, the French government sets up a lump-sum compensation system for children who are victims of prenatal exposure to pesticides, due to the professional activity of one of their parents, whether agricultural or not. By setting the rules for calculating compensation, the order clarifies the compensation scheme for pesticide victims introduced by the [decree](#) of 27 November 2020.

These rules depend on the victim's state of health at the time of the claim, whether it is stabilized or not, as well as on the victim's loss of autonomy. They are established for the following pathologies: leukemia, brain tumors, cleft lip and palate, hypospadias and several neurodevelopmental disorders.

The rules for calculating compensation are also set for the heirs of children suffering from a pathology according to variable modalities depending on the victim's state of health and age at the date of the claim.

The request for compensation should be addressed to the [Pesticide Victims Compensation Fund](#), created by the [Social Security Financing Act of 2020](#). One of the fund's bodies, the Children's Compensation [Commission](#), is responsible for establishing the link between the child's pathology and its prenatal exposure to pesticides due to a parent's professional activity.

These rules therefore facilitate the care of children who are victims of pesticides. Our partner *Générations Futures* [welcomes progress](#), but regrets that "local residents exposed to pesticides or even non-professional users of these substances have been excluded from this recognition".

In addition, despite the dangers that the use of these products represent for the health of living beings, these rules of compensation imply that it is acceptable, in the sense of being written into the legal norm, that a person can be exposed to pesticides even before he or she is born.

*If you've made it this far, can you make one more tiny effort?*

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