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Germany: 35 pesticides “candidates for substitution” still on the market

In addition to the May 2022 report, [Forbidden Fruit](#), by our partner PAN-EU revealing that the presence of the 55 pesticide substances classified as particularly hazardous and "Candidates for Substitution" (CfS) in European food has increased dramatically over the past ten years, PAN Germany issued a [press release](#) on June 30, 2022, which reveals that 35 of these particularly hazardous candidate substances are still marketed in Germany in about 310 authorized spray products, although they should have been replaced long ago by less problematic methods or products, according to [Regulation \(EC\) No. 1107/2009](#).

PAN Europe has identified 12 of the 55 candidates for substitution as particularly dangerous. Eleven of them are still used in Germany, including ipconazole, a fungicide that is toxic to reproduction, lambda-cyhalothrin, an insecticide that is toxic and dangerous to the environment, or chlortoluron, a herbicide that is not only dangerous to the environment, but also probably an endocrine disruptor,

and yet is allowed even in products intended for non-professionals in home gardens.

Together with other PAN Europe member organizations, PAN Germany is calling for a direct ban on the 12 most toxic candidates for substitution and the complete elimination of the use of all 55 listed pesticides by 2030 as part of the [Toxic12](#) campaign.

Although they are more regulated than other substances by Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009 due to their high toxicity, the substitution targets set in 2011 have never been met. PAN Germany reminds that the European Commission has just established a new [objective](#) to reduce these CfS by half by 2030, which needs to be achieved.

"The federal government should now take the lead and start withdrawing these pesticides from the market without delay, as they are particularly problematic for human health and the environment. This step is also essential to advance the pesticide reduction and ecological transformation of agriculture announced in the German government's coalition agreement," says **Susanne Smolka**, pesticide expert at PAN Germany.

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