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Civil society activities



France: Protest against the production of fipronil at BASF in Genay

On June 1, 2022, a group of *faucheurs volontaires d'OGM* (volunteer GMO reapers) from the Rhône (69) and Loire (42) departments, went to the [BASF factory](#) in Genay. The factory produces Regent TS, an insecticide with Fipronil as its active ingredient, [banned](#) for sale in France since February 24, 2004. Fipronil is also [no longer authorized](#) in the European Union since 2017. It is [considered](#) by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) as presenting "a high acute risk" to bees.

Dressed in a full protective suit, together with dead bees spread on a hive marked with a white cross, the forty activists present at the demonstration held a press conference and warned of the plague of pesticides banned in France, but



still produced, as here, in this BASF factory. Banners denounced the risks for bee populations and the environment of such a pesticide: "BASF outlaw, killer of bees", "BASF poisoner of the environment".

It was during a "citizen's inspection", carried out on March 4, 2022, in that factory that the reapers had discovered drums of banned pesticides, including Regent TS.

Although the [law](#) of October 30, 2018 for the balance of commercial relations in the agricultural and food sector and a healthy, sustainable and accessible food for all (EGalim law) has acted to ban the production, storage and export of "plant protection products containing active substances not approved for reasons related to the protection of human or animal health or the environment" from January 2022, the implementing decree of 23 March 2022 stipulates that a new assessment on the economic consequences of the end of marketing is necessary for each chemical product, before setting a definitive date for a total ban by an inter ministerial order. The activity that was denounced during the demonstration, i.e. the manufacture and export of Regent TS, banned from use in Europe, remains a legal activity!

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