



Newsletter about Pesticides

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Jurisdictional News



EU: PAN EU against the extension of the approval of Dimoxystrobin

Our partner [PAN Europe](#) has filed a [lawsuit](#) at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) to challenge the new extension of the approval of the highly toxic pesticide Dimoxystrobin by the European Commission.

Dimoxystrobin is a fungicide that is on the [list](#) of the most toxic pesticides, which should have been banned years ago. The European Union has compiled the most toxic pesticides into a list called "Candidates for Substitution". In 2009, it was agreed that this category of chemicals should be replaced by safer alternatives. However, their use is extended year after year. Extending approvals for these pesticides and delaying their re-evaluation is a common practice in Europe. Like many pesticides, Dimoxystrobin is suspected of having harmful effects on living

beings and the environment, but continues to be approved in the European Union.

These extensions are permitted by the use of article 17 of the European Union Regulation 1107/2009/EC on pesticides, which provides for the extension of approval until the end of the re-evaluation procedures of the pesticides in question. PAN Europe denounces the abusive use of this article. Indeed, the European regulation provides for a maximum period of three years for the re-evaluation of pesticides, while toxic pesticides that should have been re-evaluated nearly 10 years ago are still on the market without any re-evaluation of their toxicity.

It is to denounce the illegality of the Commission's systematic practice of granting consecutive extensions of several years to dangerous pesticides, without any appropriate re-evaluation, that PAN Europe initiated its action at the CJEU on July 7, 2022, challenging the sixth extension of approval granted to Dimoxystrobin. According to PAN Europe, this fungicide should have been banned several years ago. The group stresses that the maximum time limits for the re-evaluation of the product have been exceeded, and that the extension of the approval constitutes an abuse of Article 17 of the EU Pesticides Regulation in terms of human health and environmental protection, due to the toxicity and persistence in the environment of Dimoxystrobin.

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