

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 March 2000

**concerning the non-inclusion of monolinuron in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EC and the withdrawal of authorisations for plant protection products containing this active substance**

(notified under document number C(2000) 656)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/234/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/73/EC <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 of 11 December 1992 laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1199/97 <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 7(3a)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/94 <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2230/95 <sup>(6)</sup> has laid down the active substances of plant protection products, designated by the rapporteur Member States for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 and identified the notifiers for each active substance.
- (2) Monolinuron is one of the 90 active substances covered by the first stage of the work programme provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (3) In accordance with Article 7(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 3600/92, the United Kingdom, being the designated rapporteur Member State, submitted on 30 April 1996 to the Commission, the report of its assessment of the information submitted by the sole notifier in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1) of this Regulation.
- (4) The submitted report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on Plant Health. This review was finalised on July 20, 1999 in the format of the Commission review report for monolinuron, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92.
- (5) It has appeared from the assessments made that the submitted information is not sufficient to demonstrate that plant protection products containing the active

substance concerned satisfy the requirements laid down in Articles 5(1)(a) and (b) and 5(2)(b) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

- (6) The sole notifier informed the Commission and the rapporteur Member State that it no longer wished to participate in the programme of work for this active substance. Therefore, further information required to fully comply with the requirements of Directive 91/414/EEC will not be submitted.
- (7) Therefore, it is not possible to include this active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (8) A period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC has to be provided.
- (9) This Decision does not prejudice any action the Commission may undertake at a later stage for this active substance within the framework of Council Directive 79/117/EEC <sup>(7)</sup>.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Monolinuron is not included as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.

*Article 2*

The Member States shall ensure:

1. that authorisations for plant protection products containing monolinuron are withdrawn within a period of six months from the date of notification of the present Decision;
2. that from the date of notification of the present Decision no authorisations for plant protection products containing monolinuron will be granted or renewed under the derogation provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 353, 24.12.1997, p. 26.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 366, 15.12.1992, p. 10.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 170, 28.6.1997, p. 19.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 107, 28.4.1994, p. 8.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 225, 22.9.1995, p. 1.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 33, 8.2.1979, p. 36.

*Article 3*

Member States shall grant a period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC, which is as short as possible and not longer than 18 months from the date of notification of the present Decision.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 March 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

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