

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS AND CHLORPYRIFOS-METHYL

This flash info provides updates on regulatory changes regarding active substances approval and associated MRL changes in the European Union and urgent actions to be taken.

Chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl are broad spectrum organophosphorus insecticides and acaricides used to control soil and foliage pests.

Examples of pests controlled and applications are provided below.

Chlorpyrifos* *Chlorpyrifos-methyl

Example of application Fruit including apples, pears, grapes, pineapples, bananas, strawberries, mango; Tomatoes; Vegetables including carrots, cabbages, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts Fruit including apples, pears, grapes, pineapples, bananas, strawberries, mango; Tomatoes; Vegetables including carrots, cabbages, cauliflower

Non-renewal of the approval of chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in the European Union

On December 6 2019, the European Commission decided not to renew the authorization of both active substances chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl.

Links to Commission Implementing Regulations concerning the *non-renewal* of the approval of the active substances are provided below.

In the EU, Member States will withdraw authorizations for plant protection products containing chlorpyrifos by 16 February 2020. Disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks within the EU will be banned by 16 April 2020.

Change of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)

Following non-renewal of EU authorizations, a vote on the MRL change will take place on 17-18 February 2020. *MRLs for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl will be lowered to the limit of determination: 0.01 mg/kg*.

The exact date of entry into force is not confirmed yet but the MRL change is expected to enter into force in September-October 2020. COLEACP will inform you as soon as possible.

Considering the wide range of applications, *users of these two active substances are advised to start looking for alternatives as soon as possible*. Should you encounter any specific issues regarding this matter, please contact COLEACP at: network@coleacp.org.

For more details

- COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/18 of 10 January 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance chlorpyrifos

<<http://info.coleacp.org/trk/87914/5216/300150402/20352/1701/b9864722/>>

- COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/17 of 10 January 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance chlorpyrifos-methyl

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- Draft Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in or on certain products

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- Annex of the Draft Regulation

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