NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu) Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Pesticide active substances; Pesticides and other agrochemicals (ICS 65.100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 as regards specific criteria for the approval of active substances that are micro-organisms (5 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft Commission Regulation includes the amendments of the approval criteria of microbial active substances set in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 which needed to be complemented in order to appropriately reflect the particularities of micro-organisms. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The Farm to Fork Strategy aims, among others, at reducing dependency on chemical pesticides, also by facilitating the placing on the market of biological active substances, including micro-organisms. To support this objective, this Regulation aims at specifying approval criteria for microbial active substances in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, in order to appropriately reflect the particularities of microbial active substances, which are different from chemical substances. This initiative is complemented by others concerning:   * the Commission Regulation (EU) No 283/2013 setting out the data requirements for active substances which are micro-organisms (submitted in parallel for TBT), * the Commission Regulation (EU) No 284/2013 setting out the data requirements for plant protection products including active substances which are micro-organisms (submitted in parallel for TBT), * the Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 setting out the uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products (submitted in parallel for TBT), * two Commission Communications in the framework of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) No 283/2013 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 284/2013 (will be submitted for TBT).   Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32009R1107> * Commission Regulation (EU) No 283/2013 of 1 March 2013 setting out the data requirements for active substances, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market Text with EEA relevance <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R0283> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** First half 2022  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Twenty days following its publication in the Official Journal of the EU (The provisions shall apply from six months after the entry into force) |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu)  The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/EEC/21_6923_00_e.pdf> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/EEC/21_6923_01_e.pdf> |