

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Food Safety: Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Mefluidide (pesticide active substance) ICS: 65.100 Pesticides and other agrochemicals
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States of the European Communities (EC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EC.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: SANCO/10650/2003 Draft Commission Decision concerning the Non-inclusion of Mefluidide as Active Substance in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the Withdrawal of Authorisations for Plant Protection Products containing this Active Substance (Available in all EC languages, 3 pages)
6. Description of content: Provides that mefluidide is not included in the positive Community list and the member States have to withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing mefluidide.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market sets up a harmonized framework for the authorization and placing on the market of plant protection products in order to protect human health and the environment. Article 8(2) of this Directive provides a programme to be carried out over a period of 12 years for the gradual examination of the active substances contained in the pesticides, which are on the market for the inclusion in Annex I of the Directive. The current proposed Decision provides that mefluidide is not included in the positive Community list and that member States have to withdraw authorizations for plant protection products containing mefluidide because industry did not provide the necessary support for this substance. Any period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks of plant protection products containing mefluidide allowed by member State, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC, should be limited to a period no longer than 18 months from the date of adoption.

<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>European Commission Document: (SANCO/10650/2003 rev 0) available in English, French and Spanish. The English version is the reference document. When adopted, it will be published in the Official Journal which is available at: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: 1 April 2004</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: Member States have to withdraw all existing authorizations for plant protection products containing mefluidide six months after the date of adoption. Any period of grace for existing stocks should be limited to 18 months from the date of adoption.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: Sixty (60) days after the date of notification</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>