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Report Highlights:

On December 14, 2020, the European Commission published Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/2087 concerning the non-renewal of the active substance, mancozeb, in the Official Journal. The regulation enters into force 20 days later, which means that mancozeb will no longer be approved as an active substance at the EU level as of January 4, 2021. Member States have until July 4, 2021 to withdraw all authorizations for plant protection products containing mancozeb. The grace period for farmers to use up stocks of products with mancozeb ends January 4, 2022. Separately, the European Food Safety Authority announced the start of the review process for existing Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for mancozeb on December 15, 2020.

Mancozeb Non-Renewal:

Mancozeb is one of the most commonly used fungicides in the world (also authorized in all EU Member States (MS)) and farmers consider it as crucial for resistance management. Mancozeb is also key to many strategic crops imported to the EU (e.g. bananas, cranberries, and vegetables). In early 2020, the European Commission proposed a non-renewal for mancozeb and issued a draft Commission Implementing Regulation based on a June 2019 conclusion on the substance by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The European Commission notified the World Trade Organization Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) on its intention to not renewal of mancozeb on April 17, 2020 (G/TBT/N/EU/712). At the October 22-23, 2020 PAFF committee meeting, MS voted in favor of the non-renewal of mancozeb and the [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2087](#) was published on December 14, 2020 in the Official Journal. The regulation enters into force on the twentieth day after its publication meaning that mancozeb will no longer be approved as an active substance at the EU level as of January 4, 2021, which is before its expiration date (January 31, 2021). MS have until July 4, 2021 to withdraw all authorizations for plant protection products containing mancozeb. The grace period for farmers to use up any already purchased stocks ends January 4, 2022.

The non-renewal will not only lead to the cancelation of existing authorizations of plant protection products containing mancozeb in Europe, but potentially also the reduction of Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for mancozeb to the Limit of Quantification (LOQ) or Limit of Detection (LOD).

Article 12 MRL Review Process:

On December 15, 2020, EFSA announced the start of the review process for existing MRLs for mancozeb, as required under Article 12 of [Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005](#). Unlike the EU's pesticide review process, the EU MRL review process subjects substances to a risk analysis process that not only considers potential hazard criteria, but also the associated exposures and risks. Stakeholders are encouraged to liaise with the registrant by January 5, 2021 if they wish to support the EU MRL review of this substance. This is an opportunity to request that needed MRLs and import tolerances be maintained. Stakeholders may reach out to AgUSEUBrussels@usda.gov for more information.

Attachments:

No Attachments.