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COCERAL statement on the proposed criteria identifying Endocrine Disruptors

COCERAL regrets that many widely used crop protection products will be removed from the market because the Commission missed the opportunity to include any hazard characterisation element, as well as any consideration of exposure and socio-economic impacts in the draft definition of Endocrine Disruptors (EDs).

COCERAL underlines that:

- Failure to include any hazard characterisation element, such as potency, will mean that substances which pose little or no concern to human health or to the environment will be now be classified as EDs and unnecessarily banned under Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 on Plant Protection Products (PPPs).
- The newly proposed criteria will reduce the availability of active substances on the EU market, without taking into account the level of human or environmental exposure. This means that substances will be withdrawn even when the risks to human health and the environment are negligible and their socio-economic benefits are important.
- The reduced availability of PPPs on the EU market will negatively impact on the yield and quality of agricultural and horticultural production in Europe and productivity will be reduced. Besides, it will lead to higher risks for development of resistance in populations of harmful organisms.
- The EDs criteria will apply also to produces imported from third countries and have serious consequences on the international trade.

The EU agri-business considers that a risk rather than a hazard-based approach will deliver the human health and environmental protection necessary whilst allowing the production of safe, affordable food for the EU population.

Therefore, **COCERAL calls on Member States to engage in discussions with the European Commission in order to:**

- **Introduce at least hazard characterisation elements in the criteria identifying EDs;**
- **Include socio-economic considerations in the assessment of EDs' authorisation;**
- **Reconsider the opportunity to base EDs related decision on a sound risk assessment, including also exposure.**

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