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Report Highlights:

The European Union (EU) follows a complex, rolling system of review for active ingredients and Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) in food. For agricultural inputs, U.S. farmers must know early in the process of review to prevent or mitigate the loss of, and/or access to, chemical inputs. The information in this document provides interested stakeholders with advance notice of those active ingredients under review, highlighting those substances undergoing new restrictions or may not be renewed. This is a quarterly update from September 2026.

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The active ingredients of plant protection products (PPPs), along with Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) and/or import tolerances, are an increasingly important concern in the EU given the decrease in the number of active ingredient substances approved for use. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 regulate PPPs and MRLs, respectively. The EU follows a complex, rolling system of review for use of active ingredients and MRLs in food. For agricultural inputs, U.S. farmers must know early in the process of EU reviews in order to prevent or mitigate trade disruption due to new restrictions or non-renewals of chemical inputs.

The information presented in this document provides interested stakeholders with advance notice of active ingredients under review for renewal of approval in the EU and highlights which substances may have restricted or non-renewal of approval. This is a quarterly update. The columns in the table explain for each section where a substance is in the EU review process as of August 31, 2026.

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Disclaimer: Please note that while every effort is made to capture all upcoming and completed reviews, this list may not be all-inclusive.

Attachments:

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