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Report Name: Turkey Bans the Import and Production of an Additional Nine Active Substances and Restricts the Usage of Seven Active Substances in Plant Protection Products

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced that the production and import of an additional nine active substances which are used in the production of plant protection products will be banned over a transitional period. The Ministry also announced the restriction of the usage of seven active substances.

General Information:

On June 10th, 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MinAF) announced via its website that the import, production and marketing of 16 active substances which are used in the production of plant protection products, will be banned over a transitional period. For the names of the active substances and cut off dates for their importation, production, and removal from the market, please see the GAIN Report on Turkey Bans the Import and Production of 16 Active Substances at the link <https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/search>.

On July 30th, 2020, MinAF announced via its website that the import, production and marketing of an additional nine active substances which are used in the production of plant protection products, will be banned over a transitional period. Please see the names of the active substances and cut off dates for their importation, production, and removal from the market in the Table 1 below.

-New application dossiers of plant protection products which contain these active substances will not be accepted by MinAF and those which are pending will be cancelled.

-Plant protection products containing these active substances which have been marketed will be withdrawn and destroyed in line with the timelines specified by MinAF in the Table 1 below.

MinAF stated that these active substances are banned in line with European Union (EU) harmonization and also for the following reasons:

- Adverse effects to the environment and humans
- High risks for people who apply these products,
- Insufficient toxicological and eco toxicological studies,
- Lack of demand and scientific support of production companies for these substances,
- Receiving a high amount of pesticide residue alert notifications from the EU related to these active substances which create serious problems in the export of fresh fruits and vegetables to the EU.

MinAF also announced seven active substances with additional usage restrictions. Please see these active substances, which plant protection products containing these active substances continue to be allowed for certain plants, which plant protection products containing these active substances are disallowed for certain plants, and import deadlines in Table 2 below. MinAF states that these seven active substances will be re-evaluated in December 2021.

The announcement can be accessed at the link <https://bku.tarim.gov.tr/Duyuru/DuyuruDetay/60> in the Turkish language.

Table 1 - List of banned active substances, deadlines for import, production and withdrawal

No	Name of Active Substance	Deadline for Import	Deadline for Production	Deadline for Withdrawal from Market
1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2021
2	Ethoxysulfuron	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	12/31/2021
3	Triasulfuron	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	12/31/2021
4	Tralkoxydim	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	12/31/2021
5	Tepraloxydim	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	6/30/2022
6	Flusilazole	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	6/30/2022
7	Ioxynil	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	6/30/2022
8	Novaluron	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	6/30/2022
9	Thiacloprid	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	6/30/2022

Table 2 - List of restricted active substances

No	Name of Active Substance	Continued usage for plant or plant products	Ended usage for plant or plant products	Deadline for Withdrawal from Market for Ended Usage	Deadline for Import	Deadline for Production
1	Desmedipham	Sugar beet	Spinach	9/30/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020
2	Linuron	Anise Shallot (small size onion) Carrot Cumin Chick-pea Sesame	Sunflower Legumes Gladiolus Corn Cotton Potato Onion Onion (seed) Soybean Citrus	9/30/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020
3	Dimethoate	Pistachio Almond Apple Plum Gladiolus Poplar Apricot Peach	Rose Cotton Sesame Sour cherry	9/30/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020

		Olive				
4	Ethoprophos	Vineyards	Pepper (green house) Tomato (green house)	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	10/31/2020
5	Chloridazon	Sugar beet	Onion	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	10/31/2020
6	Chlorpropham	Potato	Onion	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	10/31/2020
7	Oxadiazon	Paddy rice (IMI) Turf grass Carnation	Paddy rice Cotton Onion	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	10/31/2020

Attachments:

No Attachments.