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Report Highlights:

Israel plans to conduct a review of the use of 34 chemicals, which are components of approximately 180 agrochemicals that local farmers currently use. The Israeli Plant Protection Services (PPIS) will conduct the review over the coming two years beginning in October 2021. This might lead to an update of Israel's maximum residue limit (MRL) list for agrochemical residues in both locally produced and imported fruits and vegetables. Interested stakeholders are invited to submit their comments to the technical committee.

Executive Summary:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MOAG) will review the use of 16 percent of the agrochemicals that Israeli farmers use today. Post expects that PPIS will advise MOAG and the Government of Israel to ban the use of tens of agrochemicals used in local agriculture, leading to an update of the country's MRL list for agrochemical residues in both locally produced and imported fruits and vegetables.

General:

In October 2021, as part of the multi-ministerial committee for the registration of agrochemicals, PPIS – which is a division of MOAG – is planning to begin a two-year review of 34 chemical components which can be found in 180 different agrochemicals approved today for use in Israel.

In the past decade, two similar reviews were conducted – from 2012-2014 and from 2017-2020. These two reviews led to the ban of more than 70 agrochemicals that were approved previously for local agriculture, including organic phosphates, triazines, and chloric carbonates.

This new review will cover 34 different chemicals used in several herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, and miticides (See Table 1). Its goal is to evaluate the benefits and harm of different chemicals approved today for use in Israel but are banned from use in the European Union. Most of the chemicals that will be reviewed are approved for use in the United States and in other OECD member countries. Banning or limiting the use of some of these chemicals that will be reviewed might lead to a trade barrier for some U.S. agricultural exports to Israel.

Table 1: List of Chemicals to be Reviewed

Active Component	Review Date	Deadline for Comment Submission
Chlorpropham	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Flurprimidol	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Pymetrozine	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Pyrimidifen	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Thiophanate-methyl	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Didecyldimethyl ammonium chloride	Oct 2021	23 Sep 2021
Benalaxyl	Feb 2022	1 Dec 2021
Chlorothalonil	Feb 2022	1 Dec 2021
Mancozeb	Feb 2022	1 Dec 2021
Thiram	Feb 2022	1 Dec 2021
Fenamidone	Feb 2022	1 Dec 2021
Bromoxynil	June 2022	1 April 2022
Chlorsulfuron	June 2022	1 April 2022
Linuron	June 2022	1 April 2022
Diuron	June 2022	1 April 2022
Pyriithiobac sodium	June 2022	1 April 2022
Quinoxyfen	June 2022	1 April 2022

Active Component	Review Date	Deadline for Comment Submission
Dinotefuran	Oct 2022	1 Aug 2022
Imidacloprid	Oct 2022	1 Aug 2022
Thiamethoxam	Oct 2022	1 Aug 2022
Thiacloprid	Oct 2022	1 Aug 2022
Clothianidin	Oct 2022	1 Aug 2022
Lufenuron	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Teflubenzuron	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Diflubenzuron	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Dimethoate	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Bifenthrin	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Cyromazine	Feb 2023	1 Dec 2022
Chlorthal Dimethyl	June 2023	1 April 2022
Diquat	June 2023	1 April 2022
Imazethapyr	June 2023	1 April 2022
Oxadiazon	June 2023	1 April 2022
Chloridazon	June 2023	1 April 2022
Pyrazon	June 2023	1 April 2022

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Attachments:

No Attachments.