

Development of Legislation and Other Instruments

BPC-25: Minority opinion on BPC opinion on carbendazim in PT 7 and 10

In line with Sweden's policy to work for the removal of dangerous substances from treated articles Sweden considers that a restriction should be placed on the use of articles treated with carbendazim-containing products in the form of a specific condition of the approval. The opinion states that leaching from the in-service life of applied products and treated articles (e.g. paints and plaster) for all outdoor uses pose unacceptable risks to the environment. This risk could not be mitigated according to the Assessment Report, which addressed normal uses of carbendazim. Restrictions on the use of products can be stipulated at product authorisation. However, restrictions on the use of all treated articles (both those produced within the EU and those imported from third countries) can only be regulated in accordance with Article 58(2) through the specification of a restriction at active substance approval, or through labelling according to Article 58(3). Since no other control of the exposure of the environment from leaching treated paints and plasters will be possible, we think that the specific condition should prohibit the use of such carbendazim-treated articles outdoors.

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