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Minority position of the German CA on the BPC Opinion concerning the “Eligibility of powdered corn cob for inclusion into Annex I to the BPR”

The German CA submitted this minority opinion due to severe concerns regarding the humaneness of powdered corn cob. The mode of action of the active substance results in unacceptable effects on the target organism and causes unnecessary pain and suffering in the target organism.

Since the decision to approve powdered corn cob in 2013 and its inclusion in the union list of active substances for PT 14, the German CA has not been aware of any additional data proving the humaneness of the active substance. The lack of humaneness is regarded as concern of equivalent level as the specific criteria mentioned in Article 28(2) (a) to (c).

Hence, the German CA does not support the Annex I inclusion proposal for powdered corn cob.