

Hexaflumuron

Find enclosed a list of reasons why hexaflumuron should stay as an active compound for baiting system in Europe

- The system is to be used for termites, which are social insects, so the bait system in which hexaflumuron is used taking advantage of the sociality of the insects to eliminate their colonies. Termites are important pest in Europe and are found in capital cities such as Paris and Rome, but also in different size of cities and suburban areas. In Europe the termite pest are subterranean, and so have cryptic life, this is why they are difficult to eliminate. The bait system is very cleaver for that.
- The compound is active at very low doses allowing good and sustainable protection against termites.
- The loss of hexaflumuron would lead to termite control problems in the future in Europe. This loss will also reduce the number of baiting alternative to one (only one other company will stay)! No more competition will be possible and people will be obliged to choose the same company because only one compound in the bait system will be allowed!
- Due to global warming, termite presence in urban areas should increase in the U.E in the following years. It is little by little going more and more in northern European countries.
- The use of hexaflumuron reduces the use of chemical products used as barriers, and does not require big works around a property.
- The baiting system does not need to find the nest of termites because termites themselves carry the active compound into the heart of the nest.
- The use is always in closed stations, away from users and from the wild and domestic life.
- Because the low solubility of the compound there is a low mobility in the soil and so a reduce dispersion.

In conclusion, the hexaflumuron was tested long ago by scientists and is now used since 20 years and has proven his efficacy and his sustainability, so he should not be removed in Europe from the termite market.