COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 February 2000

extending the possible time period for provisional authorisations of the new active substance quinoxyfen

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/166/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market [1], as last amended by Commission Directive 1999/80/EC [2], and in particular Article 8(1) fourth subparagraph thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter 'the Directive') has provided for the development of a Community list of active substances authorised for incorporation in plant protection products.

(2) Dow Elanco submitted a dossier for the new active substance quinoxyfen to the United Kingdom on 1 August 1995 with a view of obtaining the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I to the Directive.

(3) For quinoxyfen, the effects on human health and the environment are being assessed, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2) and (4) of the Directive, for the uses proposed by the applicant. The United Kingdom acting as nominated rapporteur Member State, submitted the assessment report concerned to the Commission on 11 October 1996.

(4) The submitted report is being reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the framework of the Standing Committee on Plant Health and in working groups thereof.

(5) For quinoxyfen additional data was requested concerning bird reproductive toxicity, earthworm reproductive toxicity, organic breakdown, soil accumulation.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States may extend provisional authorisations already granted for plant protection products containing quinoxyfen for a period not exceeding 24 months from the date of this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 13.