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COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2024/2570

of 22 July 2024

amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards methoxychlor

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 implements the commitments of the Union under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ⁽²⁾ ('the Convention') and under the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants ⁽³⁾ ('the Protocol').
- (2) Annex A to the Convention contains a list of chemicals. Each Party to the Convention is required to prohibit the chemicals on the list or take the legal and administrative measures necessary to eliminate their production, use, import and export.
- (3) The Conference of the Parties to the Convention has, pursuant to Article 8(9) of the Convention, decided in its eleventh meeting held from 1 to 12 May 2023 to amend Annex A to the Convention to include methoxychlor in that Annex without any specific exemption. The Union supported the inclusion of methoxychlor in Annex A without specific exemptions as stipulated in Council Decision (EU) 2023/1006 ⁽⁴⁾. Part A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, which contains a list of the substances listed in the Convention and in the Protocol as well as substances listed only in the Convention, should therefore also be amended to include methoxychlor.
- (4) To reinforce the application and enforcement of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 in the Union, a limit value should be set for methoxychlor occurring as an unintentional trace contaminant in substances, mixtures and articles. That limit value should be set at 0,01 mg/kg, corresponding to the maximum residue level for methoxychlor set in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾.
- (5) Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 should therefore be amended accordingly,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 25.6.2019, p. 45, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1021/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2006/507/EC of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2006/507/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision 2004/259/EC of 19 February 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 81, 19.3.2004, p. 35, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2004/259/oj>).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2023/1006 of 25 April 2023 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposals for amendments of Annex A to that Convention (OJ L 136, 24.5.2023, p. 55, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/1006/oj>).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2005/396/oj>).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2024.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

In Part A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, the following entry is added:

Substance	CAS No	EC No	Specific exemption on intermediate use or other specification
'Methoxychlor "Methoxychlor" refers to any possible isomer of dimethoxydiphenyltrichloroethane or any combination thereof.	72-43-5 30667-99-3 76733-77-2 255065-25-9 255065-26-0 59424-81-6 1348358-72-4 and others	200-779-9	For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1), point (b), shall apply to concentrations of methoxychlor equal to or below 0,01 mg/kg (0,000001 % by weight) where they are present in substances, mixtures or articles.'