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RAC adopts two opinions

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) has adopted opinions on two proposals for harmonised classification and labelling across Europe.

The opinions are as follows:

Epoxiconazole:

RAC agreed with the proposal from Sweden to upgrade the current harmonised classification for this substance as toxic for reproduction to a higher hazard class. The classification of epoxiconazole as a carcinogen is already harmonised.

Epoxiconazole is used as fungicide in agriculture.

Abamectin / Avermectin B1a:

The classification of this substance is not currently harmonised at EU level. RAC agreed with the proposal from the Netherlands that abamectin should have a harmonised classification for several hazards including toxic for reproduction and dangerous for the environment.

Abamectin is used in the EU as an insecticide and acaricide¹ in agriculture and biocidal applications.

¹ A substance to kill mites.

Further information

The opinions will be available at the following link in the next few days:

http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/committees/rac/committee_opinions_en.asp

The role of RAC in EU regulatory processes

RAC is responsible for preparing scientific opinions of the Agency on proposals for harmonised classification and labelling and other questions relating to risks to human health or the environment. The final decision for harmonised classification and labelling will be taken by the European Commission through a committee procedure.

Further information about RAC is available on the ECHA website at the link below:

http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/committees/riskassessment_en.asp