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Ensuring faster registration and uptake of biological control agents(2020/2260
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Compromise Amendment 1: legal definitions and scope, principles

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments:

38, 39, 43, 53, 54, 64, 109, 120, 126, 131, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 164, 175, 183, 187, 231, 234, 237, 238, 274, 286, 287, 288, 290, 312

Supported by

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Legal definitions, scope and principles

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to **provide** a clear legal definition of biological control **agents and** a framework for the accelerated authorisation of biological control products **in order to enhance** legal certainty, **foster** investment in sustainable alternatives **and** prevent market fragmentation; **notes that regulatory certainty will also facilitate innovation among small and medium-sized enterprises and stimulate the development of a competitive EU biological control sector;**

1. Calls on the Commission to **establish, at Union level,** a clear legal definition of biological control **solutions, as well as** a framework for the accelerated **approval of biological control active substances at Union level and for the** authorisation of biological control products **at Member State level. Considers that such a framework should be accompanied by clear data requirements and updated guidance documents, with a view to enhancing** legal certainty, **fostering the Union's innovation efforts, and promoting** investment in sustainable alternatives. **It shall further aim to** prevent market fragmentation **and reduce administrative burdens;**

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Notes that regulatory certainty will facilitate innovation, especially among small and medium-sized enterprises, and stimulate the development of a competitive Union biological control sector. Further stresses the importance of legislative coherence and consistency with relevant Union laws, including Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and strategies, and to provide, where appropriate, for specific provisions on biological control agents;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Underlines that biological control agents generally have different risk profiles compared to conventional chemical plant protection products, as they do not share the same properties, modes of action or ecological impacts; stresses, however, that they are not risk free and therefore require suitable science-based risk assessment. Emphasises that risk assessment methods should be adapted to the specific characteristics of biological control agents, while ensuring that regional agronomic specificities are duly considered, and ensuring a high level of protection for health, non-target organisms, biodiversity and the environment, in line with the One Health approach and the precautionary principle; Recalls in particular the need to assess potential effects on beneficial

species, ecosystems and biodiversity, including when living organisms such as microorganisms, natural enemies or sterile insects or their constituent parts are introduced into the environment;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Calls on the Commission, in the impact assessment accompanying the legislative proposal, to evaluate the suitability of current risk assessments during approval of active substances exerting biocontrol and authorisation of biological control products and if necessary to develop tailored risk assessment protocols for each biocontrol solution; underlines that risk assessments for biocontrol agents shall always ensure targeted, appropriate and proper risk management and a high level of protection of health and the environment; stresses that authorisation procedures shall include harmonised environmental and biodiversity impact criteria at Union level to prevent divergences among Member States; Stresses that such biological control products shall only be approved if they meet the relevant approval criteria^{1a} that guarantee safe use and effective use, and that effectiveness is scientifically verified and results are available, while safeguarding business sensitive information; recalls that procedures must be simplified, to avoid delays that would disadvantage EU innovators and farmers; notes that risk assessments procedures should be transparent and clear;

*1a e.g. Article 4(1-4) and Annex II 3.6-10
of R.1107/2009*

Compromise Amendment 2: Targeted Amendment of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009

Compromise amendment replacing amendments: 159, 155, 157, 160, 154, 153, 156, 158, 161, 163, 162, 166, 258, 275, 295, 165, 276, 278, 151, 205, 208, 203, 204, 206, 207, 209, 210, 211, 280, 229, 285, 186, 110 and 113

Supported by

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Targeted amendment of Regulation (EC)
1107/2009***

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission, in the shorter term to adapt the existing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 to cater specifically for active substances exerting biocontrol and biocontrol products;

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Welcomes the Commission forthcoming presentation of a targeted revision of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 as part of the announced simplification

package, focussing on the approval and authorisation of active substances exerting biological control and products solely containing these, to allow for the accelerated assessment of applications for biological control products, to facilitate the renewal process of biocontrol active substances that have already been approved, in order to increase the supply of available plant protection products in the short term and support the move to production systems with less harmful active substances;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mutual Recognition

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that EU biological control authorisation procedures must be compatible with the system of mutual recognition of Member State authorisations, in line with Article 40 of Regulation 1107/2009;

2 b. Encourages Member States to use the existing mutual recognition procedure according to Article 40 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 to accelerate authorisation of biological control products to increase uptake and availability of biocontrol products across the EU; calls on the Commission to pay particular attention to the implementation of Article 40 and to take follow-up initiatives to ensure its full implementation where appropriate;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 c. *Notes that the targeted amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 should strengthen, facilitate, operationalise the principle of mutual recognition with regards to EU biological control authorisation procedures, thereby reducing duplication of national assessments while respecting the precautionary principle and differences between local conditions;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 d. *Calls on the Commission to work on a roadmap looking towards automatic mutual recognition of solely biocontrol products and the possibility for applicants to apply with a single dossier for a biological control product in several Member States at the same time while ensuring a high level of protection for health and environment, and for the Commission to consider a single EU-wide authorisation zone, that ensures the same scientific standards, efficacy criteria and safety levels are demonstrably met across the Union; stresses that such a roadmap should work towards a potential legislative framework that would be subject to, and should only be established after, a robust and rigorous impact assessment and could be developed stepwise, beginning with enhanced cooperation and data-sharing between competent authorities, then streamlining the zonal assessment procedures for biocontrol products under Regulation*

(EC) No 1107/2009, such as tasking rapporteur Member States to assess, in collaboration with Member States from each of the other geographic zones, conditions for authorisation in all geographic zones in order to build mutual trust between competent national authorities, to avoid bureaucratic duplication, facilitate uptake by farmers of more sustainable solutions and improve uniform market access while maintaining rigorous standards for health and environmental protection;

Compromise Amendment 3: Minor Uses

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 113, 121, 167, 168169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 178, 212,

Supported by

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Minor Uses

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. *Considers that* the Member States *should expedite application processes by extending* the authorisation of already authorised PPPs containing solely biological control *products* to minor uses;

3. *Calls on* the Member States *to facilitate and to speed up where appropriate the extension of* the authorisation of already authorised PPPs containing solely *active substances exerting* biological control to minor uses, *including but not limited to most controlled environment agriculture, unless the competent authority identifies a specific and scientifically justified risk;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Calls on the Commission to assess the impact, including risk and benefits, of a case by case automatic extension of already authorised PPPs containing solely biological control products to minor uses in accordance with the safeguards set in Article 51 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. *Calls on the Commission to consider extending the first approval and renewal maximum period for active substances exerting biological control up to 25 years; calls on the Commission to establish and maintain a list of biological control products that, based on their profile, nature, and mode of action, may be eligible for authorisation with an extended timeframe, up to 25 years for the first authorisation; emphasises that such a list must not be a closed list and must reflect the most recent scientific standards and remain dynamic, meaning that inclusion on the list shall not be considered permanent; calls on the Commission to periodically review and update the list in light of new data or scientific developments; calls on the Commission to assess potential conditions upon which, especially biological control active substances and products that have been shown to have no or negligible risk profile, could be given an indefinite*

approval and authorisation;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 c. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to consider establishing an approval mechanism for specific low-risk biocontrol categories at Union level;

Compromise Amendment 4 : Fast Track Procedures

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 180, 181, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 202, 212, 213, 214, 230, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 279, 302

Supported by

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fast-Track Procedures

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Recommends streamlining and accelerating the authorisation **procedures** for biological control **products**, including through the establishment of fast-track procedures, while **ensuring a high level of protection for human health and the**

4. Recommends streamlining, **optimising** and accelerating the authorisation **procedure as well as re-authorisation, approval and re-approval** for biological control **solutions**, including through the establishment of fast-track

environment;

procedures, *reducing unnecessary bureaucratic burden to better keep in line with legal evaluation deadlines* while *properly assessing and managing the associated risk;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Stresses, however, that any fast-tracking of procedures for the placing of biocontrol products on the market must still be subject to rigorous scientific assessment, including risk analysis also covering non-target organisms and efficacy under a range of relevant climatic conditions;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Provisional authorisation

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. *Calls on the Commission in its revision of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 to amend Article 30 to consider allowing provisional authorisation for only biocontrol plant protection products that fulfil the relevant safety criteria therein; believes that provisional, conditional*

authorisations should be coupled with necessary monitoring; recalls the established principle that in case new data shows unacceptable risk to health or environment including non-target species, then provisional authorisation should be reviewed and withdrawn;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 5 : Impact Assessment

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments:

119, 164, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 232, 255, 280, 282, 320, 334, 372, 373, 375

Supported by

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Looking ahead: strategy, gap analysis, and a longer term legislative perspective

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls *on the Commission to amend Regulation 1107/2009 to allow the Member States to accelerate the assessment of applications for biological control products, and to accelerate their approval, in order to move towards plant protection processes that uses less harmful active substances;*

5. Calls *for the Commission's impact assessment accompanying its legislative proposal to evaluate the appropriateness of current legislative framework and risk assessments, during approval of active substances exerting biocontrol and authorisation of biological control products, inter alia, in terms of data*

requirements, approval criteria, mutual recognition; calls for the accompanying impact assessment to identify where the current regulation could be adjusted to be more adequate for bringing biocontrol solutions to market, as called for in the Strategic Dialogue, and to fulfil farmers' need for a more advanced and comprehensive toolbox;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Calls on the Commission to provide a comprehensive biocontrol strategy and a “toolbox” assessment on expected challenges in crop protection in the coming 10 years for specific crops, pests and diseases, with a view to support the development in alternative plant protection products and IPM measures, especially with effective and affordable alternatives to identify gaps in plant protection and to anticipate withdrawals from the market, to allow users to plan sufficient transition periods during phasing out, and with the goal of creating a future-proof and fit-for-purpose framework;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. *Calls on the Commission to look into the possibility in the longer term, of a new standalone biocontrol regulation*

including the conditions upon which a centralised approach may apply, to better tailor the assessment, approval and authorisation procedures for biocontrol solutions;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for *the Commission's accompanying impact assessment to evaluate current approval procedures, and consider the differences between 'traditional' PPPs, on the one hand, and biological control products, on the other, in terms of data requirements, mutual recognition and the possibility of extending biological control product authorisation to additional crops; calls for the obligatory* establishment of a priority lane for approving biological control agents, within the approval procedures for active substances under Regulation 1107/2009, while also assessing and updating approval procedures *in accordance with* scientific and technical developments;

Amendment

6. Calls for, *as appropriate, sufficient resources to clear the backlog of delayed biological control applications, with the establishment of priority lanes provided that they have received dedicated additional funding* for approving biological control agents, within the approval *and authorisation* procedures for active substances *and products* under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, while also assessing and updating approval *and authorisation* procedures *according to scientific and technical developments; underlines that speeding up the assessment and authorisation of biocontrol solutions should not lead to any further delay in the risk assessment and authorisation of conventional substances and PPPs or delayed reviews of those that have been on the market for more than ten years, in order to ensure high level of protection;*

Compromise Amendment 6 : Support for Applicants

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 152, 177, 179, 214, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 273, 311, 330, 332
Supported by

Motion for a resolution Subheading 1 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Support for applicants

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to provide technical support to applicants during the application preparation process, to create ***simple*** procedures ***and to designate dedicated helpdesks; notes the importance of updated guidance documents specific to biological control products in enhancing consistency across the Member States;***

7. ***Notes existing provisions for help to applicants from ECHA and EMA; calls on the Member States and EFSA to provide technical support to SME applicants, especially, during the application preparation process, while applying clear safeguards to avoid conflict of interests; while respecting this, calls on EFSA to create a one-stop shop for SMEs producing biocontrol agents, to provide clear guidance and support to applicants, on dossier preparation, providing explanation of data requirements and submission procedures, with the aim of improving the quality of applications, thus reducing delays in the assessment and authorisation process and facilitating the placing on EU markets of approved biocontrol agents;***

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. ***Calls on Member States to create time-efficient, clear and easy to understand administrative procedures adapted to biocontrol products, and risk assessments appropriate for their mode of action and nature of the product, and to designate dedicated helpdesks;***

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Calls on the Commission to urgently adopt updated guidance documents specific to biological control products, also to promote their uptake and enhancing consistency across the Member States;

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Using Directive 2009/128/EC to promote biological controls, including via Integrated Pest Management

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Calls **on the Commission and the Member States to assess the functioning of the relevant national competent authorities, and** for the Member States' National Action Plans (NAPs), under Directive 2009/128/EC², to include planned and adopted measures to improve the authorisation procedures for biological control and other low-risk products;

8. Calls for the Member States' National Action Plans (NAPs), under Directive 2009/128/EC², **in particular** to include planned and adopted measures to improve the authorisation procedures for biological control and other low-risk products;

² Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/128/oj>).

² Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/128/oj>).

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Calls also on the Commission and the Member States, in coordination with farmers, to ensure effective implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC, using easier access to biocontrol products, and to accompany farmers adopting more sustainable practices;*

Compromise Amendment 7 : Substitution Potential

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments:

29, 43, 120, 137, 140, 177, 182, 215, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 281, 283, 284, 286, 289, 292, 324

Supported by

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Potential of Biological Control Solutions

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Recognises the high **substitution** potential of biological control approaches in reducing the dependency on **'traditional' PPPs**; stresses that biological control agents offer targeted action with **minimal** off-target or residual effects,

9. Recognises the high potential of biological control approaches in reducing the dependency on **conventional PPPs**, **notes that biological control solutions can complement conventional PPPs with due attention, making them a useful addition**

making them compatible with IPM and organic farming practices; insists that broader uptake can thus significantly contribute to achieving EU environmental and health objectives;

*to a broad and balanced farmers' toolbox; alongside other crop protection methods; stresses that **the specific characteristics of biological control agents give them a different risk profile so they can** offer targeted action with **smaller** off-target or residual effects, making them **more** compatible with IPM and **especially** organic farming practices; insists that broader uptake **of biological control** can thus significantly contribute to achieving EU environmental, **food security** and health objectives **while maintaining agricultural productivity and while ensuring that farmers are not left without effective and affordable alternatives to protect their crops;***

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Notes that facilitating authorisation and uptake of biological control should be coupled with scaling-up uptake of IPM and reducing the risks and the dependency on conventional PPPs;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Calls on the Commission to ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of the sustainable use of pesticides Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, particularly in relation to the timely processing of authorisations and

integrated pest management; notes that in an integrated IPM approach, authorised conventional products for which all the safety requirements for health and the environment have been met, always remain an option for farmers;

Compromise Amendment 8 : Funding

Compromise amendment replacing amendments: 239, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 336, 177, 255, 273

Supported by:

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Assessment of performance capacities and resources

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 -a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
10 - a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to assess their administrative performance and institutional capacities and appropriateness of the resources allocated to, respectively, EFSA and the relevant national competent authorities to enable them to fulfil their tasks; emphasises that investment is needed in (re)assessment capacity in the Member States and the EFSA ;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to **assess the needs for** additional funding for training and employing additional staff within the **European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the Commission, in order** to prevent undue delays in the **authorisation** process of biological control **products**;

10. Calls on the Commission to **allocate necessary** additional funding for training and employing additional staff **including with appropriate and specialised expertise** within the **EFSA, as well as establishing dedicated and sufficient resources within their organisational structure for biological control, aiming** to prevent undue delays in the **approval** process of **active substances exerting** biological control **and to ensure tailored assessments and reduce bottlenecks; calls on the Commission to take appropriate follow-up actions to enable acceleration of the approval procedure and increased uptake of biocontrol,**

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 I (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Strong Member State Funding

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Member States to ensure sufficient budget is ring-fenced for the relevant national competent authorities, **in order** to prevent delays in biological control authorisation procedures; insists that the Member States guarantee that the relevant national competent authorities have sufficient budget, staff and expertise to carry out assessments in a timely and effective manner; **calls on the Commission to propose measures to ensure sufficient resources at Commission, EFSA and Member State level to accelerate**

11. Calls on the Member States to ensure sufficient budget is ring-fenced for the relevant national competent authorities, **which is essential** to prevent **undue** delays in biological control authorisation procedures **and to accelerate the uptake of biocontrol**; insists that the Member States guarantee that the relevant national competent authorities have sufficient budget, staff and expertise to carry out **(re-)** assessments in a timely and effective manner; **highlights the benefits of exchanging best practice** measures

authorisation procedures;

between Member States;

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Calls likewise on the Commission to propose measures and to identify mechanisms and resources to support Member States to accelerate their authorisation procedures; proposes, in this regard, that the Commission develops guidance on necessary and minimum resources and capacity, applicable across the EU Member States, needed to assess biological control products;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 9 : Research and Investment

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments:

311, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 323, 325, 326, 329, 331, 332, 335

Supported by:

Motion for a resolution Subheading 1 m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Research and Investment

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. ***Urges increased*** investment in public and private research and the development of biological control ***technologies***;

12. ***Calls on the European Commission and on Member States to foster*** investment in public and private research and ***partnerships on*** the development of biological control ***and IPM strategies, including through research centres, universities and regional innovation hubs, EU innovation partnerships, lighthouse projects, and a special focus on SMEs through targeted programmes as well as fostering a competitive environment that enables and nurtures EU innovation and reduces EU agriculture's dependencies***;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Underlines the importance of research and development of biocontrol technologies over the next decades, particularly research into addressing the protection gaps in specific crop-

pest/disease combinations adapted, for which few or no alternative pest control solutions exist, in order to direct innovation and regulatory efforts where they are most urgently needed;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 10 : Access to knowledge & training

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments:

112, 122, 134, 301, 304, 327, 328, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 355, 360, 361, 374, 376, 377, 378, 379,

Supported by

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Farmers' access to knowledge

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes that the use of biological control *products* requires different approaches, knowledge bases and skill sets, particularly regarding the care of beneficial species that act to protect crops; notes that this is already incorporated into IPM and other production systems; *calls for biological control options to be offered as part of suitably resourced, independent advisory systems that should be accessible to all producers;*

13. Notes that the use of biological control requires different approaches, knowledge bases and skill sets, particularly regarding the care of beneficial species that act to protect crops; notes that this is already *partially* incorporated into IPM and other production systems; *but underlines that further knowledge, training, information and practical guidance on the effective use of biocontrol products is necessary in cooperation with farmers;*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Notes that wide disparities remain between Member States in access to knowledge and advisory services; calls for advice on the use and application of biological control options to be offered as part of suitably resourced, continued, independent advisory systems, that should be accessible to all farmers;

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Calls on the Commission and Member States in collaboration with the end-users to provide a EU digital platform, building on pilot project 'INSIGNIA', including long-term monitoring for pollinators, and the successful EP-initiated 'IPM Toolbox for farmers' pilot projects, for the dissemination of good practices and proven biological control solutions aiming to help farmers making informed decisions on the most effective type of biological control for the pest population structure and pedo-climatic conditions of the farm concerned; promoting a wider toolbox, and by making it a continued, more accessible and permanent initiative available in all EU languages, and to secure the involvement of all relevant stakeholders;

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 c. Stresses the need to ramp up access to knowledge through farmer training to build technical capacity using demonstration networks, peer-to-peer exchange and local technical support and incentives, including financial, with a view to promoting the safe, effective and widespread use of biological control; Recognises the usefulness of monitoring knowledge access and dissemination of best practices on the uptake of biological control; Notes the existing Member States and EU possibilities to co-fund and encourage farmer training under investments or extension services under farm advisory systems (in the CAP), and calls on the Commission and Member States to provide appropriate support for biological control training, technical support and practical guidance and to consider how to best facilitate such voluntary training to incentivise more farmers to adopt biological control, and integrated pest management;

Compromise Amendment 11: Cooperation

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 101, 328, 335, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 380

Supported by

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cooperation between all actors

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for more knowledge exchange and capacity-building **regarding both** biological control **approval processes** and best practices in implementing IPM;

Amendment

14. Calls for more **scientific research as well as** knowledge exchange, **cooperation** and capacity-building **between all relevant actors involved in the process of development, approval, authorisation, uptake and dissemination of** biological control and best practices in implementing IPM **across the EU as well as exchange of knowledge and best-practice with partners in third countries;**

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for details on advisory system funding, as well as training and capacities in biological control and IPM, to be included in the Member States' **NAPs; calls for the** NAPs to **include** farmers' access to crop- and pest-specific guidance that includes biological control options, their possible integration into IPM programmes and compatibility with other

Amendment

Funding of advisory systems

15. Calls for details on advisory system funding, as well as training and capacities in biological control and IPM, to be included in the Member States' **National Action Plans; stresses that the development and availability of IPM crop- and pest-specific guidance remains inconsistent between Member States; Encourages Member States to revise their** NAPs to **strengthen** farmers' access to

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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PPPs, where available and appropriate;

crop- and pest-specific guidance that ***reflects regional realities and*** includes biological control options, their possible integration into IPM programmes and compatibility with other PPPs, where available and appropriate;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Monitoring progress

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Calls for the Commission, ***as part of the reviews of NAPs assessing action to reduce the use and risk of PPPs, to evaluate the EU's and the Member States' progress on approval of biological control products and low-risk products, looking at the associated administrative capacities, staffing levels and dedicated budgets, the sale of biological control products, the availability, affordability and efficacy of biological control, and especially the implementation of priority lanes for biological control product authorisation, and to propose legislative improvements if these aims have not been reached;***

16. Calls for the Commission ***to regularly monitor, the market uptake, the availability, affordability of biological control solutions;***

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Calls for the Commission to monitor the EU's and the Member States' progress on approval and authorisation of biological control solutions, looking at the number of applications the associated administrative capacities, staffing levels and dedicated budgets, and especially the implementation of priority lane with dedicated additional resources for biological control product authorisation, once it has been established; and to publish a report of the findings, that should be submitted to Parliament and the Council;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Outermost regions

Or. en

Amendment 85
Alexander Bernhuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that the EU's outermost regions can benefit from uptake of biological control, by ensuring authorisation processes account for their unique agro-ecological conditions and

pest profiles, and by providing targeted training, advisory services, and funding support to farmers and SMEs in these regions. Urges the development of crop- and pest-specific guidance and knowledge platforms that reflect the realities of outermost regions; to enhance their access to safe, effective, and sustainable biological control solutions;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Amendment

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission *and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 12 : Citations and Recitals

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 1-20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 184, 272, 279, 281, 289, 292, 311, 322, 330, 333

Supported by

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission's response to Council Decision (EU)*

*2022/2572 of 19 December 2022
requesting the Commission to submit an
additional study to complement the impact
assessment of the proposal for a
regulation of the European Parliament
and of the Council on the sustainable use
of plant protection products,*

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the
Communication from the Commission to
the European Parliament, the Council,
the European Economic and Social
Committee and the Committee of the
Regions ‘A vision for agriculture and
food - Shaping together an attractive
farming and agri-food sector for future
generations’,*

Or. en

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Directive
2009/128/EC of the European Parliament
and of the Council of 21 October 2009
establishing a framework for Community
action to achieve the sustainable use of
pesticides,*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution Revised pollinators initiative - A new deal for pollinators,*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity Decision of December 2022 'Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework',*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 12 May 2021 entitled "Pathway to a Healthy Planet for All – EU Action Plan: Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil",*

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regards to its report on Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides,***

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas a plant protection product (PPP) is a product containing a substance that prevents, destroys or controls a harmful organism ('pest'); whereas biological control is a method of controlling pests using other organisms or parts of them, often in combination with physical techniques, to disrupt pest reproductive cycles or limit crop susceptibility to pests;

Amendment

A. whereas a plant protection product (PPP) is a product containing a substance that prevents, destroys or controls a harmful organism ('pest'); whereas biological control, ***originating from nature or identical to nature if synthesized,*** is a method of controlling pests ***and diseases*** using other organisms or parts of them, often in combination with physical techniques, to disrupt pest reproductive cycles or limit crop susceptibility to pests;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the authorisation of biological control products also falls under Regulation 1107/2009, ***used for the authorisation of PPPs, yet*** they do not have the same risk profile as '***traditional***' PPPs;

Amendment

B. ***whereas pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, active substances must be approved at EU level before Member States may authorise PPPs containing them; whereas the current list of approximately 420 approved active substances comprises both conventional active substances and an increasing number of biocontrol active substances^{1a};*** whereas the authorisation of biological control products also falls under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009; ***whereas***

more than 100 biocontrol agents are expected to request an authorisation to be placed on the EU market by 2028 and may not receive approval before 2031 to 2037; whereas the time between the request for authorisation and the placing on the market of a biocontrol agent can take up to 10 years or 15 years depending on classification; whereas the lengthy approval process has an impact on the availability of plant protection solutions; and while they do not have the same risk profile as ‘conventional PPPs, these biocontrol products nonetheless may in some cases present risks^{1b} and require risk assessment methods that are suitable according to the mode of action and nature of the product to evaluate their safety and efficacy; whereas the requirement should be proportionate to the risk posed, and a competitive, science-based, and innovation-friendly regulatory environment is essential for ensuring both sustainability and productivity in the EU agri-food sector;

1a

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database_en

1b e.g. invasive character, or allergenicity, etc.

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas there is currently no harmonised legal definition of biological control;

Amendment

C. whereas there is currently no harmonised **EU-wide** legal definition of biological control ;

Motion for a resolution**Recital D***Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas biological control **agents** can be active substances, **products** and agents **that exert a pesticidal action and** that contain one, or more than one, biological control **agent**;

Amendment

D. whereas biological control **solutions** can be active substances and agents **invertebrate biocontrol that control pests and diseases as well as products** that contain one, or more than one, biological control **active substance**; **whereas biological control solutions are used as part of holistic plant health strategies that may also combine preventive agronomic measures and other approaches, in order to both optimise effectiveness and ensure their use remains complementary and need-based**;

Motion for a resolution**Recital E***Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas biological control can occur via: (a) living microorganisms (**such as fungi, bacteria and viruses, or non-viable** microorganisms), (b) semiochemicals (**pheromones**), (c) extracts from natural sources, in particular plants and algae, and substances produced by microorganisms, (d) substances identical to those produced by biological organisms or that are constituents of biological organisms (**such as functionally identical peptides and proteins**), and (e) inorganic substances as occurring in nature, with the exception of heavy metals and their salts;

Amendment

E. whereas biological control can occur via: (a) living **macro- and** microorganisms, (b) semiochemicals , (c) extracts from natural sources, in particular plants and algae, and substances produced by microorganisms, (d) substances identical to those produced by biological organisms or that are constituents of biological organisms and (e) inorganic substances as occurring in nature, with the exception of heavy metals and their salts;

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas invertebrate biological control agents, such as beneficial insect predators including parasitoids, mites and nematodes, already play an essential role in integrated pest management and organic farming systems; whereas, unlike substance-based biological control products, they are not covered by Regulation (EU) No 1107/2009, so remain subject to diverse and fragmented national rules. Whereas faster authorisation processes for macro-organisms while maintaining high safety standards for health and the environment would increase their market accessibility and could help address plant health concerns.

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas biological control **agents** are frequently combined to form blends of semiochemicals, plant extracts or microbial consortia which enhance effectiveness, target multiple pests or diseases and improve environmental adaptability, and are often incorporated into other **production** techniques, e.g. integrated pest management (IPM);

F. whereas biological control **solutions** are frequently combined to form blends of semiochemicals, plant extracts or microbial consortia which enhance effectiveness, target multiple pests or diseases and improve environmental adaptability, and are often incorporated into other **pest control** techniques, e.g. integrated pest management (IPM); **whereas, for this reason, it is not always possible to substitute one conventional PPP by one single biocontrol product.**

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas biological control *allows* farmers to reduce their use of *'traditional' PPPs and the associated risks* by providing safe and effective *alternatives*, thereby reducing impacts on biodiversity, ecosystems, food chains and public health;

Amendment

G. whereas biological control *is often associated with lower levels of toxicity, persistence and environmental pollution, (and with due attention can complement conventional plant protection products); whereas this can enable* farmers, *in some cases*, to reduce *the dependency on* their use of *conventional PPPs* by providing safe and effective *additions to the farmers' toolbox*, thereby *contributing to healthier soils*, reducing impacts on biodiversity, ecosystems, *water quality* food chains and public health;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

G a. whereas the fast-track process and placing on the EU market of biological control would increase the availability of biocontrol and provide opportunity to combat the existence of pests and diseases to existing PPPs; whereas this would help to promote more sustainable agricultural practices, to increase the resilience and competitiveness of the agricultural sector, by keeping the farmers' toolbox of pest control options as broad as possible.

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the *availability* of alternatives *incentivises the adoption of low pesticide-input pest management practices*;

Amendment

H. whereas the *Commission in its Vision for Agriculture and Food from February 2025 states that “farmers need a more advanced toolbox to be able to farm in a nature- friendly way and achieve the set objectives. This toolbox requires a well-calibrated mix of a better targeted public support from the future CAP, investments into nature-friendly solutions, more economic incentives, tailored advice drawing on advances in research and innovation, and a more agile regulatory environment. One such example is the EU ambition to reduce the use of harmful pesticides. This is important both for the long-term resilience of farming, nature and health protection. However, the introduction of alternatives in a form of biological or innovative low-risk plant protection products has not followed with the same pace as the withdrawal of active substances from the EU market. If this trend continues, it can affect the EU’s ability to ensure food production. The Commission will therefore carefully consider any further ban of pesticides if alternatives are not yet available, unless the pesticide in question represents a threat to human health or to the environment that agriculture relies upon for its viability”*.

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas there is often a lack of expertise, experience and resources required to process biological control applications, *and this is a significant obstacle to* their market introduction, *as*

Amendment

I. whereas there is often a lack of expertise, experience and resources required to process biological control applications *in EFSA and in Member States’ Competent Authorities, especially*

guidelines and data requirements **do not** match the specific characteristics of biological control **agents, leading to** excessive burdens, costs, lengthy approval procedures and legal deadlines **not being met**;

regarding microbiologicals; and whereas to aid their market introduction, guidelines and data requirements **should** match the specific characteristics of biological control **solutions, avoiding** excessive burdens, costs, lengthy approval procedures and legal deadlines ; **whereas faster, more affordable and less complex authorisation procedures for biological control products could help attract more and investment to the EU and strengthen its global leadership in sustainable plant protection**;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas the effective deployment of biocontrol products often depends on adapted practices, highlighting the need for continued investment in training, infrastructure, and advisory support to ensure their successful uptake;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution
Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I b. whereas EU biocontrol SMEs represent approximately 70% of the EU biocontrol sector; whereas these companies are key drivers of sustainable innovation. whereas the approval of active substances for PPPs including biological control agents in the EU entails significant costs, with overall investments,

including data generation, regulatory fees, and national authorisations, estimated between €1.5 and €4 million per substance;

Or. en