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Report Highlights:

In July 2003, the European Commission announced that 110 additional substances used in plant protection products would be withdrawn from the EU market by December 2003. Adoption and publication of the list of 110 substances has been delayed for an undetermined period of time.

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EU Withdraws 110 additional pesticides - Update

In July 2003, the European Commission announced that a list of 110 substances to be withdrawn from the EU market by December 2003, would be published in the Official Journal (ref. GAIN report E23100). However, adoption and publication of the list of 110 banned substances has been delayed for an undetermined period of time. During 2003, the work of the Scientific Committee on Plants was taken over by a newly established Scientific Panel in the European Food Safety (EFSA). In the future, the risk assessment component of Directive 91/414/EC on the authorization of plant protection products, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, will be taken over by EFSA and the risk management aspects will be handled by the Commission. This requires gradual adoption of implementing legislation to change procedures. A draft copy of the list can be obtained on request. Please contact our office for more information.

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