

ADVISORY FORUM
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EMERGENCY AUTHORISATIONS OF PESTICIDES AND AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE CONTROL METHODS

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BACKGROUND

- *Information on GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/02 Support to urgent authorizations on Plant Health and Pesticides*
- *Protocol development for evaluating emergency authorisations of pesticides*
- *Update on the work progress*
- *Collecting feedback and information on contact points in MSs*



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Regulation (EU) 1107/2009

Requires a high level of protection of humans and the environment.

Article 53

“...in **special circumstances** a Member State may authorise, for a period **not exceeding 120 days**, the placing on the market of plant protection products for **limited and controlled use**, where such a measure appears necessary because of a **danger** which **cannot be controlled** by any **other reasonable means**.”



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*Develop fit-for-purpose protocols to assess emergency authorisations granted under **Article 53** in light of the objectives put forward in **the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies**.*

- Insecticides and acaricides by May 2025
- Fungicides and bactericides by March 2026
- Remaining functions of active substances by January 2027



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The Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies

- Improving the condition and diversity of agroecosystems.
- Accelerate the transition to a sustainable food system
- Reduce the use and risk from chemical pesticides



IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT

1. Put special focus on non-chemical methods their combinations.
2. Avoid repeated authorization for the same pest/crop combination.
3. Justify the absence of reasonable alternative methods.
4. Harmonisation with measures applied in other MSs.



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Preparatory work

- Analysis of existing emergency authorisations
- Data collection on alternatives to pesticides use including research projects
- Evaluation of alternatives as single measure and in combination

Protocol development

Workshops + Public consultation

Training and case study development



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2024 05

Analysis emergency authorisations

10

Workshop alternative measures + evaluation criteria

2025

Insecticides and acaricides

01

Workshop + Public consultation

05

Final

Fungicides

06

Workshop + public consultation

2026 03

Final

Remaining other functions

06

Workshop + public consultation

2027 01

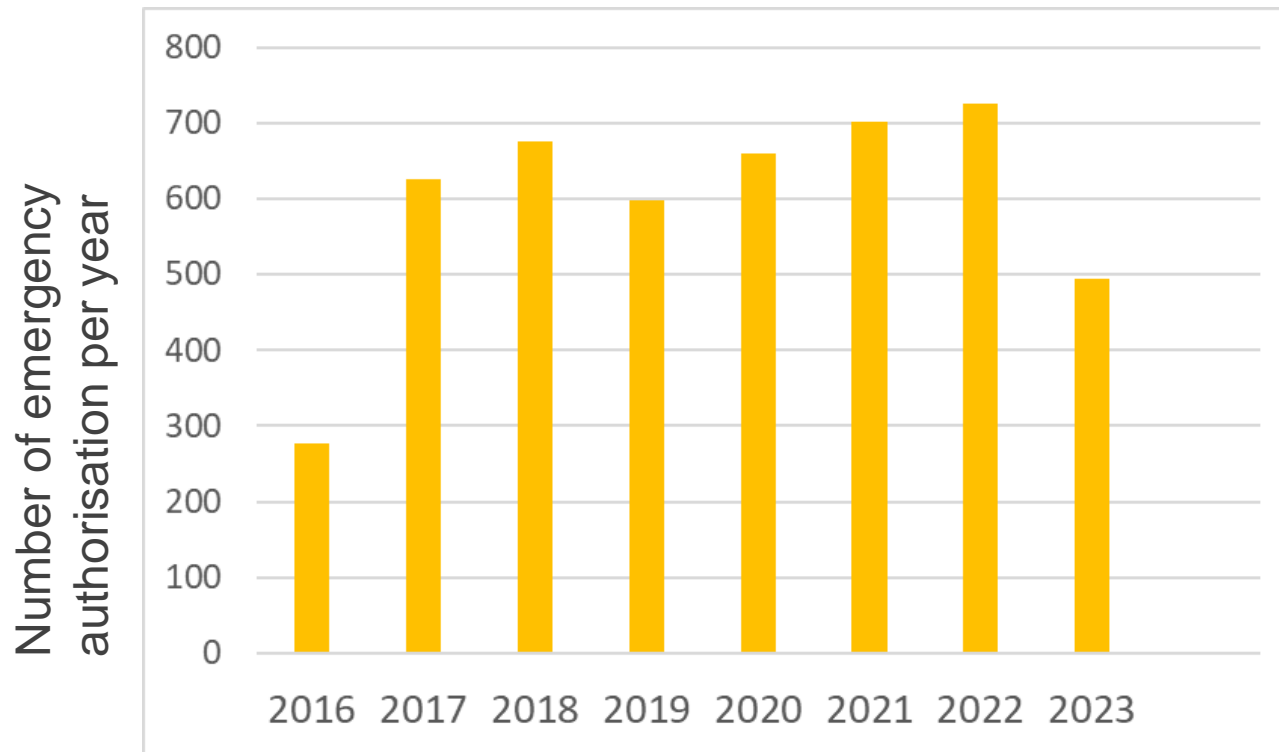
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Trainings to be delivered after protocol development



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Emergency authorisations in the EU (2016-2023): 4756



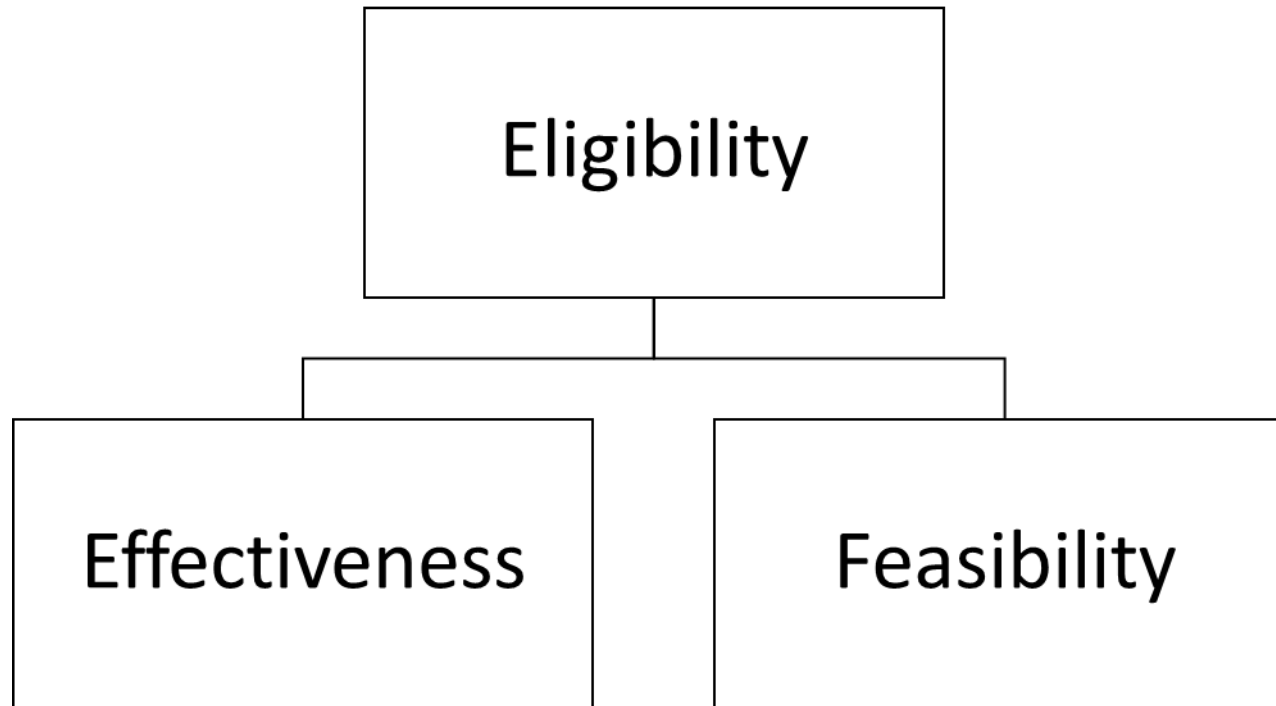
Emergency authorisations	%
Repeated authorisation	77
1 year*	1
2 years	21
3 years	19
4 years	13
5 years	7
6 years	6
7 years	7
8 years	2
Non-repeated authorisations	23

*repeated authorisation in the same year



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Evaluation criteria for alternative methods:



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Consultations will take place on the following topics:

- Availability of “reasonable” alternatives
- Criteria to evaluate alternative measures
 - single and combinations of measures
 - duration of measures
 - comparability of agri-environments
- Issues with existing protocols developed for derogations to control a serious danger to plant health (article 4(7) of Regulation 1107)



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Written consultation with MSs on the topics above - July-August

Workshop with stakeholders

(MSs, Commission, Scientists, NGOs) – October

Contact points in MSs?



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