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Press Release

New EFSA reports confirm no justification for a general ban on neonicotinoid seed treatments

Copa and Cogeca welcomed today an opinion from the EU Food Safety Authority (EFSA) which confirms that there is no justification for a total ban on the use of neonicotinoid seed treatments on all crops.

Reacting to the reports which were published by EFSA today, Copa-Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen said “We attach great importance to honeybees at Copa and Cogeca as they are very important pollinators for crops and ensure biodiversity in the EU. At the same time, bees rely on crops to ensure that they are properly fed”.

“We call on the EU Commission and Member States to assess carefully which uses could be approved based on the assessment of the three active substances. We also urge risk managers to examine appropriate measures to keep these products on the market at the same time as ensuring the safety of bees”.

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