

The British Beekeepers' Association

BBKA – supporting bees and beekeepers



BBKA STATEMENT

Following the decision taken by the EU Commission on Monday 30 April, to impose restrictions on the use of three neonicotinoid pesticides, the BBKA continues to work hard to ensure that the interests of honey bees are a high priority.

It is important that we gain a full understanding of the precise details of the restrictions, their implications and proposed mechanisms by which the Member States, including the UK and its devolved administrations, will implement the proposed restrictions.

We are currently organising meetings with a number of key relevant organisations in order to better understand the ramifications of the recent vote and we will update our members in due course.

We remain concerned about the impact of the restrictions on our honey bees. We expect the European Commission to ensure that Member States put measures in place which take into account the impact of these restrictions and any resultant changes in agricultural practice or use of pesticides and which must be proven to be safe for honey bees.

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