

STATEMENT

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Neonicotinoids – the new Regulation

In our 2 May 2013 statement we undertook to keep you up to date on developments with neonicotinoids.

The European Commission has now published the Implementing Regulation to restrict the use of neonicotinoids. It is Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 485/2013 of 24 May 2013 and was published in the Official Journal on 25 May 2013. Its full title is 'Amending Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the condition of approval of the active substances clothianadin, thiomethoxam and imidacloprid and prohibiting the use and sale of seeds treated with plant protection products containing these active substances'.

It can be downloaded using [this link](#)

The main elements of the regulation are as follows:

- Restriction in the use of three neonicotinoids; 1. clothianidin, 2. imidacloprid, and 3. thiametoxam for seed treatment, soil application (granules) and foliar treatment on bee attractive plants and cereals.
- In addition, the remaining authorised uses will only be available to professionals.
- Exceptions will be limited to the possibility of treating bee-attractive crops in greenhouses, in open-air fields only after flowering.
- The restrictions will apply from **1 December 2013**.
- As soon as new information is available, and at the latest within two years, the Commission will review the conditions of approval of the three neonicotinoids to take into account relevant scientific and technical developments.

A longer article will appear in the July issue of BBKA News.

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