

**Question for written answer E-003463/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Re-approval of active ingredient metalaxyl-M

The re-approval of the active ingredient metalaxyl-M, which is required for open-field cultivation, is due to be finalised by the EFSA shortly and is eagerly awaited by local producers. In order to provide vegetable producers with dressed seeds for the coming season, it is imperative that a decision be made this autumn. Spain and other Member States will start sowing as early as November. Metalaxyl-M is the only fully systemic active ingredient that is effective against oomycetes fungus and is therefore of great importance for open-field vegetable cultivation, especially as there is no alternative fungicide for many crops for this sensitive phase of growth.

1. Is the Commission planning to make a decision this autumn on the re-approval of the active ingredient for open-field cultivation as part of the completion of the Article 7 procedure in order to ensure that vegetables can be cultivated in the 2024 season?
2. Has the Commission carried out a prior assessment of the impact that not re-approving metalaxyl-M would have on open-field vegetable cultivation in the EU?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure sufficient open-field vegetable cultivation in the EU in the event it is not re-approved?

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