



**Implementation of the Decision of the Cluj Court of Appeal from Romania,
dated from March 18, 2025, regarding the suspension of temporary
authorizations for neonicotinoids prohibited in the European Union and their
removal from the market and stocks in Romania**

To:

Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Romanian National Phytosanitary Authority - including the Phytosanitary Police
Romanian National Environmental Guard
Romanian Prime Minister's Control Body

For information:

European Commission - DG SANTE
European Parliament
Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union
Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests,
Romanian Ministry of Health
Romanian National Institute of Public Health
Romanian National Center for Monitoring Community Environmental Risks
Romanian National Environmental Protection Agency

The undersigned, hereby, are requesting **the immediate implementation of the Decision¹ of the Cluj Court of Appeal, Section III Administrative and Fiscal Litigation dated March 18, 2025**, which ordered: **“suspension of the execution of temporary authorizations no. 16895/05.12.2024², no. 16896/05.12.2024³ and no. 16897/05.12.2024⁴**, documents issued pursuant to art. 53 of Regulation (EC) no. 1107/2009 concerning the placing on the market of plant protection products and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC by the defendant Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development until final ruling. [...] **Enforcement by law.”**

We attach the report of the decision (only in Romanian) of the Cluj Court of Appeal, given in file no. 34/33/2025.

The reasons why we are requesting urgent measures:

¹ <https://www.ecoruralis.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Screenshot-2025-03-18-at-16.01.27.png>

² https://www.ecoruralis.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/cruiser_350_fs_2025.pdf

³ https://www.ecoruralis.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/nuprid_al_600_fs_2025.pdf

⁴ https://www.ecoruralis.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/picus_600_fs_2025.pdf

1. The decision of the Cluj Court of Appeal is legally enforceable: it suspends the effects of the illegal derogations issued by the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture until the final resolution of the dispute;
2. The imminence of the spring agricultural sowing campaign;
3. Serious impact on the environment and health:
 - Neonicotinoids are extremely toxic to pollinators, contributing to the decline of bee populations and major ecological imbalances;
 - Soil and groundwater contamination affects biodiversity and threatens human health;
4. The obligation of the authorities to supervise the withdrawal of pesticide products containing neonicotinoid active substances from the market and/or in stock.

We request the following **concrete measures**:

1. Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development:
 - To publicly and officially communicate the decision of the Cluj Court of Appeal to all pesticide producers and distributors as well as to farmers and to inform all parties involved that the use of the neonicotinoids in question is prohibited until the final resolution of the case.
2. The National Phytosanitary Authority - including the Phytosanitary Police:
 - To coordinate the identification and withdrawal of neonicotinoid stocks from the distribution network.
 - To include neonicotinoids in the strict monitoring of the use of prohibited pesticides in the 2025 agricultural season that are the subject of the decision of the Cluj Court of Appeal.
3. The National Environmental Guard and/or other relevant control bodies:
 - To initiate field inspections to verify compliance with the court's decision.
 - To sanction all actors who continue to use or market products containing neonicotinoids.

In order to quickly implement these measures, we request an official response within the legal deadline from the receipt of this letter, in accordance with legal obligations regarding environmental protection and compliance with court decisions.

We await with interest the concrete actions of the responsible institutions and reiterate the need for Romania to respect its European commitments in the field of environmental protection and sustainable agriculture.

Respectfully yours,

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