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POLICY ON THE BAN ON ATRAZINE

INTRODUCTION

Atrazine is a pre-and post-emergence herbicide used in controlling annual grasses and broad-leaf weeds in crops such as maize, sorghum and sugarcane. It is said to have a negative effect reproductive system, endocrine destruction and cancer in humans. It also has the potential for skin sensitization.

DIRECTIVE

Atrazine is a hazardous chemical banned in several countries. The effect of its residues on vegetables is one of the reasons for the rejection of farm produce like vegetables from the EU. Research shows that Atrazine has a highly toxic effect on humans, crops and the environment.

It is the mandate of the Agency to ensure safe and responsible use of agrochemicals by assuring only quality, effective and safe agrochemicals are registered by the Agency. Therefore, no importation, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of bulk or retail pack size of any agrochemical with Atrazine will be accepted starting from 1st January 2025.

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