

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/2104**of 15 December 2020****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval period of the active substance paraffin oil****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 17 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Part A of the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 ⁽²⁾ sets out the active substances deemed to have been approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.
- (2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/555 ⁽³⁾ extended the approval period of the active substance paraffin oil until 31 December 2020.
- (3) An application for the renewal of the approval of the active substance was submitted in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 844/2012 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (4) Due to the fact that the assessment of the substance has been delayed for reasons beyond the control of the applicants, the approval of the active substance is likely to expire before a decision is taken on its renewal. It is therefore necessary to extend the approval period by one year.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to amend the relevant entry 295 in Part A of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, so as to extend the approval period of the active substance until 31 December 2021.
- (6) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) Taking into account the fact that the approval of the substance expires on 31 December 2020, this Regulation should enter into force as a matter of urgency.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Part A of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of approved active substances (OJ L 153, 11.6.2011, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/555 of 24 March 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of several active substances listed in Part B of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 686/2012 (AIR IV renewal programme) (OJ L 80, 25.3.2017, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 844/2012 of 18 September 2012 setting out the provisions necessary for the implementation of the renewal procedure for active substances, as provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (OJ L 252, 19.9.2012, p. 26).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Part A of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 is amended as follows:

- (1) in the sixth column, expiration of approval, of row 295, Paraffin oil, the date is replaced by '31 December 2021'.
