



## Asulam Voted for Non Approval

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United Phosphorus Limited is extremely disappointed to learn that the Appeals Committee which convened on 20<sup>th</sup> September has decided to adopt the European Commission's proposal for the non approval of the active substance asulam in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1107/2009. Towards the end of the process concerns were raised with regard to the toxicity of the metabolite sulphanilamide and risk to consumers. To address this area of concern, we immediately commissioned the generation of a reasonable set of data to try to demonstrate that the risk of exposure to sulphanilamide to consumers was no greater than that of Asulam, which was deemed acceptable during evaluation. However, the process is such that we were not permitted to submit any further data. It should also be noted that the UK as Rapporteur Member State made a recommendation for Annex I inclusion following their evaluation. We strongly believe that Asulam meets the criteria for approval alongside other substances already approved.

Following this decision, the Competent Authorities of the Member States are required to withdraw the registration of any products containing asulam by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Subsequent to this there will be a 'use up' period for users. We will work with the authorities to ensure we comply with legislative timelines for sale of product as stipulated by each Member State and endeavour to update our stakeholders on the timelines set in each country.

In recognition to the importance of Asulox for some critical areas of weed control, where no other alternative methods are feasible, we will also proactively seek a derogation for emergency use in accordance with Article 53 of Regulation 1107/2009.

We understand that this European decision has had a significantly negative impact on our stakeholders and partners; however we are very pleased to announce that after careful consideration we have decided that we will continue to support the re-registration of Asulox. We are currently generating the relevant data set needed to support an application for European approval, as well as an approval in each Member State so that we can continue to supply the product in the future.

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For and behalf of United Phosphorus Limited

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**United Phosphorus Ltd**

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Use plant protection products safely.  
Always read the label and product information before use.