

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003065/24
to the Commission
Christophe Clergeau (S&D)
(19 December 2024)**

Subject: Implementation of the electronic register to record the use of pesticides by professional users in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564

At the Agriculture Council meeting in September 2024, Poland requested a two-year postponement of the entry into force of the obligation for professional users to electronically register their use of pesticides provided for in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564 and due to enter into force in 2026.

Keeping adequate records on the use of pesticides is essential in order to reduce dependency on chemical pesticides. In addition, the introduction of this electronic register is intended to ensure the uniform application of the record-keeping obligation, facilitate data collection and verification by competent authorities and reduce the burden on users. Any delay would jeopardise these objectives.

1. What measures has the Commission put in place at Member State level for the establishment of this electronic register and for training on how to use it and is the Commission ensuring coordination between the Member States so that all Member States progress in the same way towards achieving these objectives?
2. What progress has been made in implementing these measures?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that the tools needed to use the register will be in place and that the necessary training will have been provided so that this obligation can be implemented in 2026 as planned, and can the Commission also guarantee that the data recorded in the register will be publicly accessible?

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**Answer given by Mr Várhelyi on behalf of the European Commission
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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564 ⁽¹⁾ on records to be kept by professional users harmonises the content and format of the records that professional users must keep in accordance with Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 ⁽²⁾, but, in accordance with the subsidiarity principle, it is for Member States to define the details as regards implementation.

At recent meetings ⁽³⁾, ⁽⁴⁾ of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, the Commission discussed with Member States their progress in the implementation of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564 ⁽⁵⁾.

Member States confirmed they are taking the necessary measures to enable the implementation of the regulation by the deadline foreseen, but some reported various difficulties that they have experienced and requested to postpone the date of implementation by two years. The discussions will continue to identify the best ways to address those difficulties.

Article 67(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 provides the rules for keeping the records of use and access to the information they contain. It contains no obligation for the users to make the information included in the records automatically available to the competent authorities or to make that information public.

Access by third parties to the information on pesticide use that is available to the competent authorities must be given in accordance with the applicable national or Union law.

⁽¹⁾ http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/564/oj

⁽²⁾ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1107/oj>

⁽³⁾ https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/b6ea365b-da78-4c76-80e8-409b6e40082f_en?filename=sc_phyto_20241002_ppl_sum.pdf

⁽⁴⁾ https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/968dd1ff-e95f-420a-a669-8200bd5a08db_en?filename=sc_phyto_20241204002_ppl_agenda.pdf

⁽⁵⁾ http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/564/oj