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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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In accordance with the requirements laid down in Article 24(7) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848¹, in November 2024 Germany transmitted to the Commission and the Member States an application for the inclusion of potassium phosphonates among the active substances for plant protection products authorised in organic viticulture.

The Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP) concluded in its assessment on two earlier applications on the same subject that the use of potassium phosphonates would not be in line with the objectives and principles of organic production. The pertaining EGTOP reports were made publicly available in 2014² and 2020³.

The EGTOP is currently assessing the abovementioned last request submitted by Germany. The relevant documents of the ongoing discussions can be found in the EGTOP register webpage⁴. This new assessment by EGTOP is still ongoing and will be finalised by the end of July 2025.

On the basis of the outcome of this technical assessment, the Commission services will consider whether any further action would be appropriate on this regard. In the meanwhile, the current EU legislation bans the use of this substance in organic farming.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018) ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/oj>.

² https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/document/download/af301f0f-450b-4952-b8d7-e267887acea4_en?filename=egtop-final-report-plant_protection_products-ii_en.pdf.

³ EGTOP Report Plant Protection Products V: https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/document/download/cd388930-d904-48b7-a064-b05dd52e79a8_en?filename=egtop-reassessment-of-use-of-potassium-phosphonate_2019_en.pdf.

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3794>.