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The European Parliament and the Council set out the obligation to record the use of plant protection products (PPP) by professional users and the scope of that information in Article 67(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009¹. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564² harmonises the content and format of those records. As set out in Article 1 of this Regulation and in the Annex thereto, the crop names, situations and land uses should be recorded using the common names and not the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) codes and the Member States should provide those common names in national languages corresponding to EPPO codes. This simplifies the task of the users compared with the direct use of EPPO codes or botanical nomenclature. In the particular case of ornamental plants, this corresponds to a small number³ of common names instead of many scientific names.

The EU legislation on plant health⁴ and on plant reproductive material⁵ do not prescribe the use of codes from the EPPO for the description of a plant.

Under both legal frameworks, plants are identified using the scientific nomenclature based on genus and species names. Operators, including small and medium-sized horticultural businesses, may continue to rely on this scientific nomenclature for this purpose, without any need to refer to EPPO codes. This approach applies similarly to the ornamental plant and shrub sector. Thus, no additional burden for the businesses concerned will occur.

¹ 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, OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1107/oj>.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/564 of 10 March 2023 as regards the content and format of the records of plant protection products kept by professional users pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 74, 13.3.2023, p. 4, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/564/oj.

³ <https://gd.eppo.int/search?k=ornamental>.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC, OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/2031/oj>.

⁵ Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 98/56/EC, 1999/105/EC, 2002/53/EC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC, 2008/72/EC and 2008/90/EC.