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## **Draft Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 28 February 1994 on the storage, placement on the market and use of agricultural pesticides, and banning certain herbicides for non-professional use**

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### **Message**

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. MSG 002 IND 2017 0403 B EN 23-08-2017 B NOTIF

2. B

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4. 2017/0403/B - C40A

5. Draft Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 28 February 1994 on the storage, placement on the market and use of agricultural pesticides, and banning certain herbicides for non-professional use

6. Plant protection products used as herbicides and intended for non-professional users, not including basic substances, biopesticides and low-risk substances.

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8. The aim of this royal decree is to ban the placement on the market and use by non-professional users of herbicides posing the greatest risks to health and the environment. Doing so promotes products that contain the basic substances, biopesticides and low-risk substances.

9. Given that herbicides are the product category most widely used by non-professionals and that there are effective alternatives available, either alone or in combination, to replace the use of herbicides by non-professionals, it is important to quickly put measures in place to promote the use of products posing the lowest risk to both people and the environment, as well as existing alternatives.

10. Reference(s) to basic text(s): 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;

Article 5, § 1(12) of the Law of 21 December 1998 on product standards aimed at promoting sustainable production and consumption practices and protecting the environment, health and workers, as amended by the Law of 27 July 2011; Royal Decree of 28 February 1994 on the storage, placement on the market and use of agricultural pesticides

11. Yes

12. This regulation is a priority measure under the 2018-2022 period – in the process of being adopted in Belgium – of the Federal Pesticide Reduction Plan. Quick adoption of this measure will prevent French users, who will be banned from buying these products in France as of 2019, from illegally purchasing them in Belgium.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16. TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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