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Key events			
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13/02/2017	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
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Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2016/2903(RSP)
<b>Procedure type</b>	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
<b>Nature of procedure</b>	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
<b>Legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 142-p5
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed

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European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE595.672</a>	15/12/2016	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-0140/2017</a>	14/02/2017	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T8-0042/2017</a>	15/02/2017	<a href="#">Summary</a>
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## Resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin

2016/2903(RSP) - 15/02/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin tabled by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

**Present situation:** Members stated that the use of conventional plant protection products is increasingly subject to public debate, due to the potential risks they pose to human health, animals and the environment. In a certain percentage of agricultural products of plant or animal origin, it is still possible to find undesirable pesticide residues above the maximum levels for pesticide.

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market allows active substances to be approved as low-risk active substances. At present, **only seven active substances** classified as “low-risk” – whereof six are active substances of biological origin – are approved in the Union.

Moreover, **products containing low-risk active substances of biological origin have been refused authorisation by a certain number of Member States** owing to their perceived lower efficacy as compared to synthetic chemical pesticides, without any regard to the ongoing innovation in the sector for low-risk pesticides of biological origin, without considering the resource efficiency benefits for organic farming, and without considering agricultural, health and environmental costs of certain other plant protection products.

**Revised legislation:** Parliament called on the Commission to **submit, before the end of 2018, a specific legislative proposal** amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, with a view to establishing a fast-track evaluation, authorisation and registration process for low-risk pesticides of biological origin.

**Immediate action:** Parliament called for the swift adoption of the draft regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 as regards the criteria for the approval of low-risk active substances that the Commission submitted to the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF Committee).

They also called on the Commission and the Member States to **accelerate the evaluation, authorisation, registration and monitoring of the use** of low-risk plant protection products of biological origin while maintaining risk assessment at a high level.

Member States are called upon to: (i) include the use of low-risk pesticides of biological origin in their **national action plans** on the protection of the environment and of human health; (ii) **exchange information and good practices** deriving from the results of research into pest control, enabling the provision of alternative solutions that are viable in environmental, health and economic terms.