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Basic information	
RPS - Implementing acts	2019/2520(RPS)
Resolution on the draft Commission regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for clothianidin, cycloxydim, epoxiconazole, flonicamid, haloxyfop, mandestrobin, mepiquat, Metschnikowia fruticola strain NRRL Y-27328 and prohexadione in or on certain products	
Subject	
3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation	
4.60.04.04 Food safety	

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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		01/02/2019
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Key events			
14/01/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	D059754/02	
16/01/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/03/2019	Decision by committee, without report		
13/03/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/03/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0195/2019	Summary

Technical information	
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Procedure type	RPS - Implementing acts

Procedure subtype	Comitology with scrutiny
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/15355

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		D059754/02	14/01/2019	EC	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0138/2019	11/03/2019	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0195/2019	13/03/2019	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2019)444	30/08/2019	EC	

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The European Parliament adopted by 514 votes to 81, with 20 abstentions, a resolution objecting to the draft Commission regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for clothianidin, cycloxydim, epoxiconazole, flonicamid, haloxyfop, mandestrobin, mepiquat, Metschnikowia fructicola strain NRRL Y-27328 and prohexadione in or on certain products.

Parliament opposed the adoption of the Commission's draft implementing regulation, considering that it was not compatible with the aim and content of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin.

In particular, Parliament noted that the draft Commission Regulation raised the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for clothianidin from 0.03 mg/kg to 0.3 mg/kg, while the MRLs for this substance should remain at 0.03 mg/kg.

Recalling that the use of clothianidin as a pesticide was generally harmful to pollinators, Members considered that the decision to register clothianidin could not be justified, as there is insufficient evidence to suggest that unacceptable risks to animals, food safety and pollinators will be prevented.

Parliament considered that the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) opinion did not take into account the cumulative risk to human health and bees; believes that effects on pollinators and the environment should be taken into account when evaluating MRLs. It called on the Member States and on EFSA to exercise greater vigilance towards the health of the public and pollinators when evaluating applications for MRLs.

On the basis of these considerations, Parliament asked the Commission to withdraw its draft regulation and present a new legislative proposal that respects the precautionary principle.