



European Parliament  
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B-1047 Brussels, Belgium

Brussels, 9 October 2025

**Subject: Request for support to end the export of the EU-banned pesticides – End Toxic Pesticide Trade Coalition**

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We, the undersigned organisations of the **End Toxic Pesticide Trade Coalition**, are writing to seek your support in ensuring that the issue of exports of EU-banned pesticides is brought urgently onto the political agenda of the European Parliament to urge the European Commission to deliver on its commitment to take action.

A recent assessment of ECHA export data by *Public Eye*<sup>1</sup> and *Unearthed*<sup>2</sup> shows that in **2024, EU Member States approved the export of almost 122,000 tonnes of pesticides banned for use within the EU**. This implies a shocking 50% increase compared to the data from 2018. In total, **75 banned pesticides** were notified for export, including highly hazardous substances such as 1,3-dichloropropene, glufosinate, picoxystrobin, mancozeb,

<sup>1</sup><https://www.publiceye.ch/en/topics/pesticides/sharp-rise-in-eu-export-trade-in-banned-pesticides-despite-european-commission-promises>

<sup>2</sup><https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2025/09/23/eu-banned-pesticide-trade-expands-despite-promises>

and neonicotinoids that the EU itself has recognised as posing unacceptable risks to human health and/or biodiversity.

These findings confirm what more than **600 organisations worldwide have already stated in a Joint Statement**<sup>3</sup>: that the EU must stop this harmful and unfair trade and live up to its 2020 commitment to “lead by example in protecting human health and the environment. Civil society continues to call for action<sup>4</sup>.”

This was recently reiterated by the UN Special Rapporteurs on toxics and human rights, on extreme poverty and human rights<sup>5</sup>, who called ending the exports of banned pesticides a ‘moral imperative’. They condemned the practice as ‘a blatant violation of human rights’ and urged European institutions and all governments to take action.

The credibility of the EU’s pesticide and chemical policy leadership is at stake. It is time for the European Parliament to play its crucial role in holding the Commission accountable and ensuring that the Union acts in line with its values.

We, therefore, ask the European Parliament to:

1. Formally request the European Commission to publish the results of the impact assessment launched in 2023 without further delay, together with a clear timeline for next legislative steps.
2. Call on the Commission to present a legislative proposal to prohibit the manufacture and export of pesticides banned in the EU as soon as possible.
3. Insist on the enforcement of a strict “zero tolerance” for residues of EU-banned substances in imported food, by lowering the Maximum Residues Levels (MRL) to the default limit of quantification (LOQ), ensuring that hazardous chemicals banned in Europe are not allowed to be contained in EU citizens food via imported food.
4. Request that the issue be placed on the agenda of the relevant parliamentary committees (ENVI, INTA, DEVE, DROI and AGRI), and use your voice in plenary debates to highlight this urgent matter.

We count on your support to make sure this issue is not ignored, and that Europe keeps its promises to protect people’s health and biodiversity, both in the EU and worldwide.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.pan-europe.info/resources/letters/2025/06/ngos-and-trade-unions-demand-end-eu%E2%80%99s-production-export-and-import-banned>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.pan-europe.info/blog/close-toxic-loopholes-stop-hazardous-exports-save-biodiversity>

<sup>5</sup> June 2025, Op-Ed. [Europe Must End The Double Standards In Toxic Pesticides Exports](#). Marcos A Orellana (UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights) and Olivier De Schutter (UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights)

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