

Dear Sir/madam

I have spent a greater part of my life either researching the resistance properties of various pests, defining resistance management strategies or evaluating resistance risk assessments of new active dossiers on behalf of UK registration authorities. I realise the value of preventing or delaying resistance before it happens. Once resistance occurs it may lead to the loss of a -valuable active. One of the obvious ways of delaying resistance is to be able to mix or alternate pesticides. However the way the Commission is working there will be few actives that can be used on certain crops to allow that strategy to operate. Please consider the ramifications of the removal of many pesticides from the EC lists and how in particular it will affect resistance strategies.

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