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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX 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 acequinocyl, acibenzolar-S-methyl, <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> strain IAB/BS03, emamectin, flonicamid, flutolanil, fosetyl, imazamox and oxathiapiprolin in or on certain products <i>- Decision not to oppose the adoption</i>

Statement of Austria

Austria has concerns regarding the raising of the MRLs of the plant protection product active substance flonicamid, in particular in the light of the objections quoted in the motion for a resolution of the European Parliament of 22. April 2021 (European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2021 on 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 acequinocyl, acibenzolar-S-methyl, *Bacillus subtilis* strain IAB/BS03, emamectin, flonicamid, flutolanil, fosetyl, imazamox and oxathiapiproline in or on certain products (D063854/04 - 2021/2608(RPS)).

With regards to the Green Deal, it should be noted that bees are an essential part of the ecosystem. Therefore, it would be desirable for the Commission to take into account the ecotoxicological risk assessment currently underway and adjust the MRLs again according to the outcome of said risk assessment.
