

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2018/676**of 3 May 2018****correcting Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 29(6) and 84(d) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An error appears in point C.2.5.1.2(i) of Part I of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 ⁽²⁾ which sets out the specific principles to be taken into consideration in the decision-making process as regards the concentration of the active substance and of relevant metabolites, degradation or reaction products in groundwater.
- (2) The error appeared when incorporating certain provisions of repealed Council Directive 91/414/EEC ⁽³⁾ into Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 pursuant to Article 84(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.
- (3) In the Annex to Directive 91/414/EEC, the reference was made to Council Directive 80/778/EEC relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption ⁽⁴⁾ and which was subsequently repealed and replaced by Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption ⁽⁵⁾. Therefore, Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 should refer to Council Directive 98/83/EC and not to Directive 2006/118/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁶⁾, which concerns the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 should therefore be corrected accordingly.
- (5) In order to ensure that the correct criteria for an appropriate implementation of the uniform principles are also applied to ongoing assessment procedures, this correction should apply as soon as possible.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 is corrected as follows:

In Part I of the Annex, point C.2.5.1.2(i) is replaced by the following:

‘(i) the maximum permissible concentration laid down by Council Directive 98/83/EC ^(*); or

^(*) Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 32).’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 of 10 June 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products. (OJ L 155, 11.6.2011, p. 127).

⁽³⁾ Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 229, 30.8.1980, p. 11).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 32).

⁽⁶⁾ Directive 2006/118/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration (OJ L 372, 27.12.2006, p. 19).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 May 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER
