

## RE: Neonics MRLs

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Thanks, Craig – always appreciate the information and analysis you are able to share.

This is a disappointing situation.



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Hi Rob and Sabina,

You may have seen the agenda for the September 26-27 SCOPAFF meeting (link below). Ben and I just got off the phone with Wibke Meyer of CLI. She drew our attention to fact that the regulation regarding MRLs for clothianidin and thiamethoxam is on the agenda under Section B (drafts presented for an opinion) rather than Section C (drafts presented for discussion). That was a surprise for the folks in CroLife Europe, who expected to see it in Section C. They believe this means that the Commission might intend to push the regulation to a vote before third country opposition has a chance to influence Member State positions.

[https://food.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-09/sc\\_phyto\\_20220926\\_ppr\\_agenda\\_0.pdf](https://food.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-09/sc_phyto_20220926_ppr_agenda_0.pdf)

Wibke said that you, Sabina, had mentioned (in meeting a few weeks ago) the possibility of doing demarches in Member State capitals. If that's still a part of the plan, now would be a

good time to do it. CLI is making the same suggestions to other countries (Canada, Australia, the Latins).



Thanks, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Craig