

EU votes to ban insecticide chlorpyrifos, citing brain damage risk to children

A majority of EU countries voted to ban chlorpyrifos, an insecticide deemed unsafe for human health by the EU's food safety watchdog this year.

The European Food Safety Authority established links between the substance and brain-damage in children, also classifying the pesticide as presumably being toxic for human reproduction.

[Editor's note: Listen to [Podcast: Do it for the kids? Federal children's health research grants fund anti-pesticide, organic food activism](#) to learn more.]

Commission Spokesperson Vivian Loonela confirmed the result of [the Dec. 6] vote in favor of a Commission proposal not to renew the substance's EU license when it expires on January 31.

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