The global market in paraquat

Syngenta sells paraquat-based products in 28 countries. There are 377 companies on the global market with valid registrations for paraquat-based formulations. Syngenta accounts for around a quarter of global paraquat sales.

Syngenta leads the way in ensuring product safety. 20 years ago we requested the FAO/WHO mandate the inclusion of an emetic (a substance that produces nausea and vomiting) in all paraquat formulations. We add an emetic to all Syngenta paraquat-containing formulations.

Syngenta currently holds authorizations to market paraquat-based formulations in 28 countries, including those with the most demanding regulatory requirements, for example: Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa, Zambia, Argentina, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Mexico, Pakistan, Uruguay and the US.

We lead the market in our commitment to ensuring the responsible and safe use of paraquat in the markets where we are present. We are proud that we were historically involved with the FAO to introduce their recommendation for the inclusion of emetics, and that all our paraquat-based formulations include an emetic. There is no public register showing how many other companies comply with this obligation.

Paraquat is no longer registered for sale in 72 countries. For 28 of these countries (the 28 EU Member States, including the UK as it was an EU Member State at the time) in which paraquat is no longer registered or sold, the result came from a single decision. Many other countries have either followed the EU position or have agronomic conditions that mean the availability of paraquat as a weed management tool is not as critical.

Syngenta's sales of paraquat represent less than 2% of our total sales, and less than 1% of profit.

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