

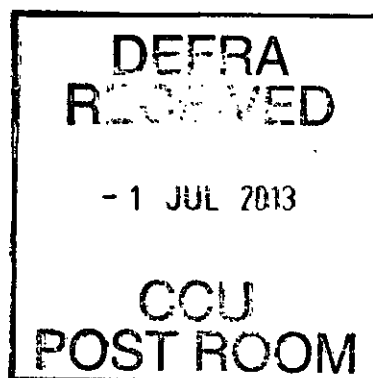




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Dear Minister,

I would like to thank you and the UK Government for taking a scientifically robust line on negotiations around the use of the neonicotinoid class of insecticides in bee-attractive crops. We are of course disappointed with the outcome but we appreciate the Government's attempts to introduce some sense of proportion into the discussions during Council and Appeals Committee meetings in Brussels.

Irrespective of the European Commission's decision, we will redouble our efforts to implement further risk mitigation measures and ensure our products continue to be used to the highest levels of stewardship possible. We were disappointed that non-professional indoor uses of these products were included in the ban – something that was never included into the EFSA evaluation. Moving forward we also believe that a comprehensive Europe-wide monitoring system for bee incidents is required to improve the confidence of the general public that the European Commission understands the real issues surrounding bee health.

Farmers will continue to need to control problematic pests in their quest to produce high quality affordable food here in the UK. Clearly our concern now is to avoid farmers being denied access to these important agronomic tools for any longer than necessary. For that to happen, it is important that we understand what new information, regarding the environmental footprint of imidacloprid and clothianidin, will be required by the European Commission, and what protocols any new studies will need to follow.

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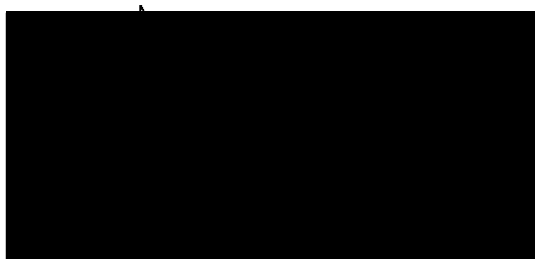
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As yet, however, the Commission has not announced any process or timeline for issuing guidance in these areas. With that in mind, I am writing to you today to seek your assistance in encouraging the European Commission to speed up the process of defining and agreeing the protocols against which field trials can commence.

I would be very happy to meet to discuss this further if you would find that useful

Yours sincerely,



cc: Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson, MP