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Our recommendations for the vote on fipronil.

- Our ideal decision would be a **total suspension of fipronil** - i.e. total application of the Precautionary Principle (Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 recital 8) - until a comprehensive risk assessment is completed.
- **Avoid any new authorisation during the ban period** (e.g. Foliar application or seed and soil treatment).
- Make sure that the ban period of fipronil starts at the same time that neonicotinoids ban, i.e by December 2013. To achieve that, Member States should **achieve an agreement on the ban in the first round of the vote**.
- **When considering the risk of fipronil to bees, fipronil (mother compound) but also its metabolites should be taken into account.** Indeed, even metabolites created following the exposure to light have been found in pollen even though they were not be expected by risk managers.

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