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France Italy and Spain will not allow dimethoate fighting against Drosophila

Drosophila suzukii cherry damages

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During the discussion today in Brussels between the Commission and the Member States, France reiterated its position: to protect the health of consumers without exposing producers to the risk of distortion of competition.----------
After the exchange within the European Committee for protection of plant health, France confirmed today that it will deliver no exemption for the use of dimethoate to protect cherries, as have also announced that Italy and Spain. French Minister of Agriculture, Stephane Le Foll said it would use otherwise a national safeguard clause to prohibit the marketing in France of cherries from countries using dimethoate. A delegation of cherry growers representatives will be received on Tuesday the Ministry to stop the production strategy for this campaign, in particular concrete measures to protect cherries.

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