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The European Court of Justice has annulled the European Commission’s decision not to renew approval for the widely used fungicide, mancozeb. The Court determined that the Commission's decision relied on outdated scientific data from the European Chemicals Agency's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC).  In its ruling, the Court criticised the Commission for not considering newer scientific studies and for denying applicants the opportunity to challenge the RAC’s findings. The matter has now been referred back to the General Court for a fresh review of the evidence.  The General Court will re-evaluate the Commission’s decision, this time incorporating recent scientific data and addressing procedural errors identified by the higher court.  It is too early to say what this will mean for Mancozeb in the EU.  While what happens in the EU does not directly transfer to us in the UK it is possible that the outcome of this case will have implications for what is done in the UK.