**Metribuzin**

Metribuzin, a widely used herbicide in potato production, is set to lose its EU approval following a European Commission proposal supported by Member States at the October SCoPAFF meeting. The regulation withdrawing its authorisation is expected to be published before the end of the year and there will then be a 12-month transitional period to phase out its use.  A key reason given for non-renewal was that it poses a high risk to bees and non-target organisms. 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.