

# COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CULTURE DU HOUBLON

## INTERNATIONAL HOP GROWERS' CONVENTION - INTERNATIONALES HOPFENBAUBÜRO



### Resolution

**Nuremberg, 12 November 2018**

The International Hop Growers' Convention (IHGC) represents 34 national hop producing associations and hop merchants' companies from 20 countries worldwide. Twelve of these members are located within the EU and produced over 50% of the world hop crop in 2018. The IHGC covers various aspects of the hop industry, but one of the main objectives is to secure plant protection products focused on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), to keep economical, safety and environmental issues in balance while providing the customers in the brewing industry with a safe and high-quality ingredient.

Today the international hop industry has come together as the International Hop Growers' Convention (IHGC), and hereby resolves to work together as we face a pending crisis in our industry. We are united in requesting that European Union government officials, scientific advisers and their committees act with global health and environmental equity in the decisions they make in relation to the approval of plant protection products for use in the farming of hops (domestically and internationally), which ensure quality for the brewing industry.

We are concerned that the European Union's current precautionary principle approach, including decisions that will result from application of cut-off criteria, will eliminate competitive commercial hop production within the EU, in addition to preventing the importation of non-EU hops, in a few short years. This situation will create a severe hardship on European brewers who rely on high quality hops from domestic and international producers to meet the demands of European consumers. Will the result be the eventual demise of European brewers, who will no longer be able to source necessary ingredients?

The protection of crops is a keystone of all modern farming activity worldwide. Plant protection products are used in agriculture to protect plants, including hops, from pests and diseases, and represent a critical factor in farmers' economic sustainability. The EC's hazard-based approach for plant protection active ingredients considers only the hazard without considering mitigation techniques that could allow safe use of the ingredient.

Hop farmers use plant protection products to produce healthy crops and ensure economic sustainability for their work, while providing safe products for their customers. They are professional users who are committed to taking care of their workers, the crop, and environment. Our customers, the brewers, have zero tolerance for quality deterioration from pest and disease damage. Eliminating plant protection tools based on hazard alone without considering risk endangers growers' ability to effectively control pests and diseases through integrated pest management (IPM), while also threatening our long-term ability to maintain resistance management opportunities.

The international hop industry looks forward to working toward solutions to these critical issues facing our growers and customers, so a healthy hop crop can continue to be produced and enjoyed.

Sincerely,

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IHGC President

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IHGC Secretary General



The Members of the IHGC: Hop growers' organizations from 20 countries, 14 hop industry companies

**ARGENTINA** ([www.lupulospatagonicos.com](http://www.lupulospatagonicos.com))  
**AUSTRALIA** ([www.ellersliehop.com.au](http://www.ellersliehop.com.au))  
**AUSTRIA** (Hopfenbaugenossenschaft eGEN)  
**BELGIUM** (VZW Hop)  
**CANADA** ([www.bchopgrowersassociation.com](http://www.bchopgrowersassociation.com))  
**CZECH REPUBLIC** ([www.czhops.cz](http://www.czhops.cz))  
**FR GERMANY** ([www.deutscher-hopfen.de](http://www.deutscher-hopfen.de))  
**FRANCE** ([www.hops-comptoir.com](http://www.hops-comptoir.com))  
**NEW ZEALAND** ([www.nzhops.co.nz](http://www.nzhops.co.nz))  
**POLAND** ([www.zppch.eu](http://www.zppch.eu))  
**P.R. CHINA** (Xinjiang Kinner Agriculture Co Ltd.)  
**ROMANIA** ([www.moragroind.ro](http://www.moragroind.ro))  
**RUSSIA** (Russian hop growers' assoc.)  
**SLOVAKIA** (Banskobystrický Pivovar, a.s.)  
**SLOVENIA** ([www.hmeljarji.si](http://www.hmeljarji.si))  
**SPAIN** ([www.cultivadoresdelupulo.es](http://www.cultivadoresdelupulo.es))  
**SOUTH AFRICA** ([www.sabmiller.com](http://www.sabmiller.com))  
**UNITED KINGDOM** ([www.britishhops.org.uk](http://www.britishhops.org.uk))  
**UKRAINE** (Ukrainian hop growers assoc.)  
**U S A** ([www.usahops.org](http://www.usahops.org))

**German Hop Industry Association** ([www.hopfen.de](http://www.hopfen.de))  
**Joh.Barth&Sohn** ([www.johbarth.com](http://www.johbarth.com))  
**Hopsteiner** ([www.hopsteiner.com](http://www.hopsteiner.com))  
**Powisle s.j.** ([www.powisle.pl](http://www.powisle.pl))  
**CZ Union of Hop Merchants & Processors**  
**Xinjiang Sapporo Agr. S&T** ([www.xjsapporo.com](http://www.xjsapporo.com))  
**Inbarco** ([www.inbarco.si](http://www.inbarco.si))  
**Hopsteiner Spain** ([www.hopsteiner.com](http://www.hopsteiner.com))  
**Charles Faram & CO Ltd** ([www.wellhopped.co.uk](http://www.wellhopped.co.uk))  
**American Dwarf Hop Association** ([www.adha.us](http://www.adha.us))  
**Brewers Supply Group** ([www.rahr.com](http://www.rahr.com))  
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