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Dear Sirs,

For the time being, the paint manufacturers can only rely on few active ingredients available on the market (fungicides).

Technically speaking, it is possible to substitute carbendazim in our paint products. Nevertheless, the replacement is far from being a simple and quick process because it requires a long period of testing to assess the suitability of an alternative fungicide. We are treating several high-quality water based paint products with carbendazim and, if forced to substitute it, we would need to rely on third companies for the testing of an alternative fungicide, given that we do not have the necessary laboratories at our disposal. Moreover, there is uncertainty over the performance of the alternative solutions.

As indicated above, we are using carbendazim in several high-quality paint products, which are well appreciated by our customers. The paint market in Romania has been a price-driven sector for a long time. However, the situation is changing and high-quality paints with a long durability are expected to gain greater market share in the coming years. Carbendazim is important for the quality of our paints and, for the time being, we are not able to assess if the alternative solutions will be able to provide the same performance over a long period of time.

On the basis of the above considerations, we are in favour of continued use of carbendazim in film preservative products.

Yours faithfully,

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