reduction strategy includes "substantial reduction" of the applied quantities of glyphosate until the cut-off date through application bans in home and allotment areas and for areas intended for the general public, as well as a ban on application before harvest and clear limitations of application before sowing and after the harvest. The government intends to reduce the use of herbicides containing the active ingredient by some 75% by 2023.

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Isagro gains first global approval of fluindapyr

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The product is an emulsifiable concentrate formulation for the control of Asian soybean rust (*Phakopsora pachyrhizi*) on soybeans. The recommended rate is 0.7–0.8 litre/ha,

depending on disease pressure conditions. The first application should be carried out as a preventative action, 30 days following crop emergence or whenever the appearance of the environmental conditions are favourable to disease development. Subsequent applications should be repeated at 14-day intervals.

Fluindapyr belongs to the pyrazole-4-carboxamides chemical group. It is characterised by its "excellent efficacy" on a wide range of important pathogens, including rust, that heavily affect yields on cereals, canola, soybeans and vegetables. Isagro also proposes the active ingredient's use for the control of *Cercospora* spp, *Corynespora* spp and *Septoria* spp.

The combination of the two ais with complementary action assures high levels of efficacy and optimal selectivity for the crops, Isagro says. Zaltus will be distributed in Paraguay by DVA Agro - Paraguay.

Isagro has noted that **Brazil** has added fluindapyr to its priority list for "fast-track" registration, anticipating approval for next year. The **US EPA's** Office of Pesticide Programs has included the ai in its planned scheduling of ai approval decisions for fiscal 2020 (ending September 30th) and expects to approve it by the end of May 2020. The company is planning to extend the label to arable crops such as cereals and maize.

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