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## Isagro delays publication of 2019 results a further week

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Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, and the UK. Several other approvals are expected across the EU and Latin America during the next 12 months, enabling multiple product launches this year. Taegro is a microbial foliar fungicide with broad spectrum potential. It benefits from low application rates, and short re-entry and pre-harvest intervals, protecting fruit and vegetables against diseases such as powdery mildew and *Botrytis* spp.

Thomas Batchelor, Novozymes' vice-president of BioAg Commercial, lauds the partnership. "This collaboration matches Syngenta's global market strength in biocontrol and dedication to bring novel technologies to market with Novozymes' deep knowledge of sustainable, biological solutions," he says.