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Evaluation Report for Category B Subcategory 5.0 Application

Application Number: 2010-0632
Application: B.5.0 – New MRLs for Previously Registered Active Ingredient
Product: Ethofumesate Technical Herbicide
Registration Number: 20364
Active ingredients (a.i.): Ethofumesate
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Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application was to establish maximum residue limits on several imported commodities.

Health Assessments

Residue data for ethofumesate on sugar beets, garden beets, dry bulb onions and carrots were submitted to support the establishment of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for ethofumesate in/on several imported commodities. In addition, processing studies on treated sugar beets were assessed to determine the potential for concentration of residues of ethofumesate into processed commodities.

Maximum Residue Limits

Recommendations for MRLs for ethofumesate in/on sugar beets, garden beets, garlic, dry bulb onions, shallot bulbs and carrots were based on guidance provided in PRO2005-04 (“Guidance for Setting Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits Based on Field Trial Data”).

Based on MRL statistical methodology and residue data from field trials conducted according to label directions, maximum residue limits (MRLs) to cover residues of ethofumesate in/on sugar beet roots, sugar beet molasses, garden beet roots, garden beet tops, garlic, dry bulb onions, shallot bulbs and carrots will be established as shown in Table 1. Residues of ethofumesate in processed commodities not listed in Table 1 are covered under the MRLs for the raw agricultural commodities (RACs).

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TABLE 1. Summary of Field Trial and Processing Data Used to Establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Ethofumesate.

Commodity	Application Method/ Total Application Rate	PHI (days)	Total ETS Residues (ppm)		Experimental Processing Factor	Currently Established MRL (ppm)	Recommended MRL (ppm)
			Min	Max			
Sugar beet roots	Pre-emergence + foliar spray/ 4.9-7.6 kg a.i./ha	81-276			Molasses: 1.9x; No concentration observed in sugar and dried pulp	None	0.3 (roots); 0.5 (molasses)
Garden beet roots	Pre-emergence + foliar spray/ 2.8-3.0 kg a.i./ha	47-52	0.16	0.31	Not required	None	0.5
Garden beet tops	Pre-emergence + foliar spray/ 2.8-3.0 kg a.i./ha	13-15	0.93	0.16	0.25	None	5.0
Dry bulb onions	Pre-emergence + foliar spray/ 3.2-3.9 kg a.i./ha	28-32	0.16	0.24	Not required	None	0.25 (dry bulb onions, garlic and shallot bulbs)
Carrot roots	Pre-emergence + foliar spray/ 4.5 kg a.i./ha	35-69	3.01	6.34	Not required	None	7.0

Chemistry, Environment and Value Assessments

Chemistry, environment and value assessments were not required for this application.

Conclusion

Following the review of the data provided, MRLs are recommended to cover residues of ethofumesate in/on sugar beet roots, sugar beet molasses, garden beet roots, garden beet tops, garlic, dry bulb onions, shallot bulbs and carrot roots. Residues of ethofumesate in these commodities at the established MRLs will not pose an unacceptable risk to any segment of the population, including infants, children, adults and seniors.

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