

Evaluation Report for Category B, Subcategory 2.1 & 2.5 Application

Application Number: 2006-2205 **Application:** Commercial

Product: Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator Solution

Registration Number: 29210

Active ingredients (a.i.): 6-Benzylaminopurine (2.0 % w/w)

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Background

MaxCel Plant Growth Regulator was first registered in 2007. The use pattern for the active ingredient 6-benzyalminopurine includes use in apple production for enhancement of fruit size and for fruit thinning, sizing and enhanced return bloom. For specific details of uses, application rates and methods, precautions, restrictions, and personal protective equipment requirements, refer to the product label.

Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application was to register Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator Solution, an end use product for post bloom thinning of apples. The product is intended for application at a rate of 76 mg ai/ha. The use patterns will be identical to the use patterns registered on the MaxCel Plant Growth Regulator Solution (Reg. No. 28851) label, containing 1.9% by weight, 6-benzyalminopurine. For specific details of uses, application rates and methods, precautions, restrictions, and personal protective equipment requirements, refer to the product label.

Chemistry Assessment

Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator is a liquid formulation containing 6-benzylaminopurine as the active ingredient at a nominal concentration of 2.0%. This product has a specific gravity of 1.043 and pH of 4.16. The chemistry requirements for Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator are complete.

Health Assessments

Although 6-Benzylaminopurine (99 %) is moderately toxic in female rats, having an oral $LD_{50} = 814$ mg/kg bw, the acute oral toxicity of a gibberellic acid $GA_{4/7}$ (1.9 %) and 6-benzylaminopurine (1.9 %) mixture is low in rats, with an $LD_{50} = 3.0$ g/kg bw. The acute dermal toxicity of 6-benzylaminopurine (99 %) is also low, with an $LD_{50} > 2000$ mg/kg bw in rats. Similarly, the acute inhalation toxicity for 6-benzylaminopurine (99 %) is low, with an

 $LC_{50} > 5.25$ mg/L in rats. As such, Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator Solution is expected to have low acute toxicity, regardless of the route of exposure.

The primary eye irritation of 6-benzylaminopurine (99 %) may be categorized as minimally irritating in rabbits. With respect to skin irritation, 6-benzylaminopurine (99 %) was found to be non-irritating to rabbits. The end use product may be categorized minimally irritating to the eye but non-irritating when applied to the skin.

6-Benzylaminopurine (99 %) was not found to be a dermal sensitizer in guinea pigs. The end use product will not be considered a dermal sensitizer.

The current label statements for Exilis Plus Plant Growth regulator Solution, considered adequate, coupled with the low toxicity are considered adequate to address any potential risk due to exposure of the mixer, loader, applicator, and/or bystander to the end-use product.

As per the re-evaluation document, PACR2005-11, *Re-evaluation of 6-Benzylaminopurine*, there are currently no dietary concerns related to the ingestion of 6-benzylaminopurine on food crops.

Maximum Residue Limit

6-Benzylaminopurine is currently registered in Canada and has an established Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) of 0.1 ppm for the parent compound and related metabolites.

Environmental Assessment

This product is for use on apples to increase fruit size, as a fruit thinning agent, and to enhance the return bloom. The product can be applied 1 to 2 times per season, at a maximum single rate of 76 mg ai/ha, at an interval of 7 to 10 days. The product is to be applied when the average diameter of king fruitlets is between 5 to 10 mm. This period may be extended from approximately 7 to 21 days after full bloom.

Value Assessment

Based on the similarity of Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator and other registered products containing 6-benzyladenine, no value data were required in support of this registration.

Conclusion

The PMRA has completed an assessment of the subject application and has found the information sufficient to support the registration of Exilis Plus Plant Growth Regulator Solution.

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