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Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), under the authority of the [Pest Control Products Act](#) (PCPA), has concluded that the addition of a new use to the label of Muster Toss-N-Go Herbicide Dry Flowable 75%, containing technical grade ethametsulfuron-methyl, to control or suppress labelled broadleaf weeds on oilseed type oriental mustard is acceptable. The specific uses that were approved in Canada are detailed on the Muster Toss-N-Go label (PCPA Registration Number 23569).

The evaluation of this ethametsulfuron-methyl application indicated that the end-use product has merit and value and that the human health and environmental risks associated with the proposed new use are acceptable. Details regarding the registration can be found in the corresponding Evaluation Report that is available on the [PMRA website](#), under Public Registry, Product Information, Current Applications¹.

Before registering a pesticide for food use in Canada, the PMRA must determine the quantity of residues that are likely to remain in or on the food when the pesticide is used according to label directions and that such residues will not pose an unacceptable health risk. This quantity is then legally established as a maximum residue limit (MRL). An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Currently, MRLs are legally established under the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) after consultation through the *Canada Gazette*. Amendments to the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA), via [Bill C-28](#), anticipated to come into force in 2007, will allow pesticide MRLs to be legally established under the PCPA without having to adopt MRLs by regulation under the FDA, resulting in a more efficient means of establishing, revising and revoking pesticide MRLs.

Consultation on the proposed MRLs for ethametsulfuron-methyl is being conducted via this document (see Next Steps). This action is being taken in advance of Bill C-28 coming into force to allow the MRLs to be legally established as soon as possible after the FDA is amended.

There are no established Canadian MRLs for ethametsulfuron-methyl; however, MRLs were proposed in [PMRL2006-01](#) for use in or on mustard seed, rapeseed (canola) and sunflower seeds. The previously proposed MRL for mustard seed will remain but is to be limited to condiment type mustard only. The proposed MRLs for ethametsulfuron-methyl in or on mustard seed are as follows:

¹ The relevant report can be accessed by selecting the Applications/Amendment/All tab and opening the Evaluation Report found under Application Number 2005-0607.

Table 1 Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for Ethametsulfuron-methyl

Common Chemical Name	Chemical Name of Substance	Food Commodities	MRL Proposed in PMRL2006-01 (ppm)	Proposed MRLs (ppm)
Ethametsulfuron-methyl	methyl 2-[[[[[4-ethoxy-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl] benzoate	Oriental mustard (oilseed type only)	—	0.02
		Mustard seed (condiment type only)	0.05	—
		Mustard seed*	—	0.05

* The MRL proposed in PMRL2006-01 to support the labelled condiment mustard use (brown and oriental only) is unchanged, but the commodity descriptor is revised to clearly indicate that it applies only to condiment type mustard seed.

A complete list of all MRLs established in Canada can be found in [Table II, Division 15](#) of the FDR. Once the amendments to the FDA via Bill C-28 are in force, the list of legally established Canadian MRLs will be available on the PMRA’s [MRL webpage](#), which will be updated to include the MRLs listed in this document.

International Situation and Trade Implications

Ethametsulfuron-methyl is not registered for use on mustard in the United States and corresponding tolerances have not been established (American tolerances in [40 CFR 180](#) searchable by pesticide). Currently, there are no Codex² MRLs established for ethametsulfuron-methyl ([Codex MRLs](#) searchable by pesticide or commodity).

Next Steps

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed MRLs for ethametsulfuron-methyl within 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications (see contact information on the cover page of this document). Health Canada will consider all comments received prior to making a final decision on the proposed MRLs for ethametsulfuron-methyl and before posting an Established Maximum Residue Limit document on the PMRA’s website once the amendments to the FDA are in force.

² Codex is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.