

# **Evaluation Report for Category B, Subcategory 7.0 Application**

**Application Number:** 2022-0154

**Application:** Reinstatement of Registered Product

**Product:** Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens

**Registration Number:** 25621

**Active ingredient (a.i.):** Tetrachlorvinphos

PMRA Document Number: 3464114

### **Background**

As per Special Review Decision (SRD2021-01, *Tetrachlorvinphos and Its Associated End-Use Products*), residential postapplication dermal non-cancer and cancer risks resulting from exposure to pet collars containing tetrachlorvinphos were not shown to be acceptable. In addition, risks were not shown to be acceptable for exposure when applying pet collars. Therefore, all flea and tick pet collar products, including Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens, were cancelled due to application and postapplication risks.

# **Purpose of Application**

The purpose of this application was to reinstate the registration of Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens, by addressing the health risks identified in SRD2021-01.

### **Chemistry Assessment**

Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens is formulated as a slow-release generator containing containing tetrachlorvinphos at a concentration of 14.55%. This end-use product has a density of 1.15 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The chemistry requirements for this product have been fulfilled.

### **Health Assessments**

Information pertaining to the acute hazard profile of the end-use product, as well as available companion animal safety studies, was reviewed to support the request for registration reinstatement. With respect to the safety of animals wearing the collar, no significant concerns were identified from the available companion animal safety studies. With respect to the acute hazard profile, due to the product design, the collars are not expected to pose acute oral or inhalation toxicity hazards, or result in eye irritation. The active ingredients tetrachlorvinphos is of low acute toxicity via the dermal route and only slightly irritating to the skin; as such, collars impregnated with tetrachlorvinphos are not expected to result in systemic toxicity or irritation via the dermal route. However, the tetrachlorvinphos has been classified as a dermal sensitizer, and the available dermal sensitization study conducted with collars impregnated with tetrachlorvinphos failed to conclusively demonstrate that the collars do not pose a dermal sensitization hazard due to limitations in the conduct of the study. This



uncertainty is of particular concern given the degree of direct dermal contact of both humans and pets associated with the use of pet collars. Therefore, in order for the reinstatement of these products to be considered in the future, additional information would be required to conclusively demonstrate that the collars do not pose a dermal sensitization hazard.

Exposure assessments included previously reviewed data from the Special Review of tetrachlorvinphos (SRD2021-01) and a new *in vitro* dermal absorption study, which was relied upon to refine the dermal absorption value from 22% to 9%. Updated health risk assessments lead to the conclusion that non-cancer risks of concern are expected for applicators in commercial settings (Calculated Margin of Exposure (MOE) < Target MOE). Cancer risks of concern ( $\geq 1 \times 10^{-6}$ ) were also identified for adults, youth and children from residential postapplication dermal and aggregate exposures. The risks of concern could not be further mitigated with the available data. Therefore, re-instatement of this product cannot be supported.

A dietary risk assessment was not required for this application.

### **Environmental Assessment**

An environmental assessment was not required for this application.

#### Value Assessment

The reinstatement of registration for Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens was supported based on extrapolation from previously registered uses of the same product to kill fleas for five months and ticks for four months. The re-instatement of this product will maintain an alternative for pet owners to kill fleas and ticks on cats and kittens.

#### Conclusion

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency has completed an assessment of the information provided, and has found that the health risks associated with the reinstatement of Hartz Ultraguard Flea & Tick Collar for Cats & Kittens, are not shown to be acceptable. This end-use product will expire on March 3, 2024.

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