

Evaluation Report for Category A, Subcategory 1.3 Application

Background

The active ingredient fenpropathrin is used to control a range of insects and mites, in various fruits, vegetables, nuts, and tea. It is registered for use in the United States, and in several other countries.

Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application was to establish import maximum residue limits (MRLs) in Canada to cover residues of the active ingredient fenpropathrin in/on crop subgroup 5A, crop group 8-09, crop group 9, crop group 10, crop group 11-09, crop group 12-09, crop subgroup 13-07A, crop subgroup 13-07B, crop subgroup 13-07F, crop subgroup 13-07G, crop group 14, avocadoes, black sapote, canistel, mamey sapote, mango, olives, papaya, peanuts, pistachios, sapodilla, star apple, succulent shelled peas, tea (dried), and undelinted cotton seeds.

Chemistry Assessment

The Active Ingredient, Its Properties and Uses

Identity of the Active Ingredient

Active substance **Fend** Fenpropathrin

Function Insecticide

Chemical name

1. International Union of Pure (*RS*)-α-cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl 2,2,3,3 **and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)** tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylate

2. Chemical Abstracts Service Cyano(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl 2,2,3,3- **(CAS)** tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylate

CAS number 39515-41-8 **Molecular formula** $C_{22}H_{23}NO_3$

Molecular weight 349.3

Structural formula

Purity of the active ingredient 92%

Physical and Chemical Properties of the Active Ingredient and End-Use Product

Technical Product—Fenpropathrin Technical

Methods for Analysis of the Active Ingredient

The methods provided for the analysis of the active ingredient and the impurities in Fenpropathrin Technical have been validated and assessed to be acceptable for the determinations.

Health Assessments

Impact on Human and Animal Health

Toxicology Summary

Fenpropathrin, as with other synthetic pyrethroid insecticides, operates via a neurotoxic mode of action in insects and mammals. Pyrethroids delay the closing of neuronal voltage-dependant sodium channels causing the depolarization of the neuron; this interferes with the ability of the nervous system to relay nerve transmissions and results in downstream clinical effects. Affected neuronal action potentials result in repetitive activity (Type I pyrethroids) or blockage of nerve conduction (Type II pyrethroids). Type II pyrethroids are chemically classified as those with a cyano group on the alpha carbon, while Type I pyrethroids lack this functional group. Pyrethroids induce one of three different neurotoxicity syndromes. The "T syndrome" is generally induced by Type I pyrethroids and is characterized by aggressive sparing, increased sensitivity and fine whole body tremor. The "CS syndrome," generally produced by Type II pyrethroids, is characterized by initial pawing and burrowing, salivation and choreoathetosis (involuntary excessive movements progressing to sinuous writhing). Finally, a mixed Type I/ Type II neurotoxic syndrome may be observed. Fenpropathrin, a pyrethroid with an alpha-carbon cyano group, is a Type II pyrethroid which produces a mixed neurotoxic syndrome.

A detailed review of the toxicological database for fenpropathrin was conducted. The database is complete, consisting of the full array of toxicity studies currently required for hazard assessment purposes. The studies were carried out in accordance with currently accepted international testing protocols and Good Laboratory Practices. The scientific quality of the data is high and the database is considered adequate to define the majority of the toxic effects that may result from exposure to fenpropathrin.

Following oral dosing of radiolabeled fenpropathrin in rats, absorption was similar between sexes as evidenced by the recovery of radioactivity in excreta and tissues. Absorption was slightly higher following repeated administration of a low-dose as compared to a single high or single low dose. Excretion via urine and feces was essentially complete by 72 hours. The parent compound was the major component identified in the feces; no parent compound was identified. Two different major metabolites were identified in the urine depending on the position of the radiolabel used. The glucuronic acid conjugate of 2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropane-carboxylic acid (TMPA-glucuronic acid) was identified in the urine when the radioactive label was located on the acid moiety of the compound, and the sulfate conjugate of 3-(4'-hydroxyphenoxy) benzoic acid (4'-OH-PBacid sulfate) was identified when the alcohol moiety was labeled. The major fecal metabolite identified was (RS)-alpha-cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl 2-hydroxymethyl-2,2,3-trimethylcyclopropane carboxylate (CH₂OH-fenpropathrin). Very little fenpropathrin was retained in the tissues, but repeated dosing of rats indicated some potential for accumulation. Of all tissues sampled, the highest concentration of fenpropathrin was found in the fat. The proposed biotransformation pathways of fenpropathrin included oxidation at the methyl group of the acid moiety, hydroxylation at the 4'- position of the alcohol moiety, cleavage of the ester linkage and conjugation with sulfuric acid or glucuronic acid.

Technical grade fenpropathrin was of high acute toxicity following a single oral dose to the rat. Clinical signs consisted of those indicative of neurotoxicity (muscular fibrillation, decreased spontaneous activity, body tremors, salivation, ataxia, urinary incontinence, limb paralysis, irregular respiration, lacrimation and clonic convulsions). Three chemical impurities in the technical grade fenpropathrin were found to have slight to low acute toxicity following administration of a single oral dose to the rat.

Repeat-dose dietary studies were conducted in rats, mice, and dogs. Clinical signs of neurotoxicity were noted in all species tested. At high doses of fenpropathrin, increased mortality was also noted in all species, but there was no evidence of neuropathology in any study. Increased duration of dosing did not result in an increase in the severity or the nature of the neurotoxic effects noted.

Throughout the 28-day and 90-day dosing studies, body tremors were observed in rats. At higher doses, increased mortality occurred following the observation of severe clinical signs including body tremors and general signs of hypersensitivity. Consistent changes in some hematology and clinical chemistry parameters (decreased platelets, decreased albumin and increased alkaline phosphatase) were also noted in high-dose rats. Body tremors were noted throughout the two year rat study in addition to increased mortality during the first 26 weeks of dosing; these findings were evident at lower doses for female rats than for male rats. Increased kidney, liver and pituitary weights were detected in male rats during this study; however, corroborating histopathological changes were only revealed in the liver. At high doses, testicular atrophy and medullary hyperplasia of the adrenal gland were also observed in male rats.

Clinical signs indicative of neurotoxicity in the one year study in dogs included body tremors, ataxia, languid appearance and polypnea. At the high dose, one death and altered red blood cell parameters were noted in males, and increased kidney weights and altered clinical chemistry parameters in females were also noted.

Treatment related effects in mice required much higher dosing than in all other species treated with fenpropathrin. At the high dose level of the 28-day study, clinical signs were noted primarily in male mice and included piloerection, pallor of the extremities, hunched posture, lethargy, and tremors. Increased mortality and body tremors were noted in the initial long term study (which was terminated due to excessive mortality) in both sexes; however, these effects became apparent in males at lower doses than for females. In the two-year study, increased brain weights were noted in male and female mice in addition to increased kidney weights and hyperactive behaviour in females. No corroborating histopathological findings were revealed in the brains or kidneys of these animals.

Due to the known neurotoxic mode of action of pyrethroid insecticides, the neurotoxic potential of fenpropathrin was investigated in several studies. In these studies, the functional and morphological effects on the nervous system were assessed. Acute and short term neurotoxicity studies were employed to evaluate the neurotoxic potential of fenpropathrin in adult rats. A developmental neurotoxicity (DNT) study assessed potential effects on the developing nervous system following in utero and early postnatal exposure. A range-finding DNT study was also conducted to evaluate the lactational and placental transfer potential of fenpropathrin. Clinical signs indicative of neurotoxicity were noted in all studies.

In acute neurotoxicity testing, single gavage doses of fenpropathrin induced body tremors in both sexes of adult rats. Exacerbated clinical and behavioural signs including convulsions, gait effects, extremely coarse tremors, and death were observed at high dose levels. Following single dose administration, time to peak effect was identified as three hours post-dosing. In an acute neurotoxicity study published in the peer-reviewed literature and conducted in male adult rats, motor activity (the only behavioural parameter assessed) was decreased at dose levels comparable to those producing neurotoxicity in the guideline acute neurotoxicity study (Wolansky et al., 2006).

Following repeat dietary exposure to high doses during neurotoxicity testing, adult females displayed effects such as popcorn seizures, increased startle response, abnormal gait, ataxia, tremors, altered rearing, uncoordinated righting reflex, decreased motor activity and convulsions. In adult males, clinical signs were restricted to body tremors/twitches and hypersensitivity to sound. In the DNT study, offspring in the high dose group displayed behavioural effects such as increased motor activity and auditory startle reflex amplitude as well as decreased habituation to both of these assessments. A high degree of variability in the motor activity data confounded the interpretation of these assessments. In addition, on post-natal day 21 at the highest dose level, brain weights and lengths were decreased in male offspring and some changes in brain morphometric measurements were identified in both sexes. Although brain morphometric assessments were not conducted on the low- and mid-dose pups, there was a low level of concern in light of the absence of any indication of adverse findings in the pups at these dose levels. All of the effects identified in offspring occurred in the presence of maternal toxicity; therefore, sensitivity of the young was not identified in the DNT study.

As part of a range-finding DNT study, it was determined that fenpropathrin can be transferred to offspring via the placenta and maternal milk. Maternal plasma levels of fenpropathrin were assessed and were found to increase with increasing dietary concentrations, as were fetal plasma levels on gestation day (GD) 20. Maternal milk and plasma concentrations were also found to increase with increasing dietary concentrations on lactation day (LD) 4, 10 and 16. Pup plasma concentrations of fenpropathrin increased with dietary concentration on LD 4 and 10, only, and did not increase with dose on LD 16. Concentrations of fenpropathrin were lower in pup and fetal plasma as compared to maternal plasma levels.

In the multigeneration reproduction study conducted in the rat, there was no indication of sensitivity of the young animals. Parental toxicity was evident at the mid-dose level with body tremors and mortality occurring in dams during lactation; decreased pre-mating body weight and body weight gains were noted at higher dose levels in both sexes. Toxicity to offspring was noted at the mid-dose level and above and included body tremors, mortality, and decreased testes weight. A decrease in the viability of offspring at birth and early in lactation was noted at the highest dose level tested.

The developmental toxicity of fenpropathrin was investigated in rats and rabbits. In rabbits, there was an increased number of dams displaying grooming behaviour post-dosing in all treated dose groups. It is believed that the increased grooming behaviour was likely due to animals experiencing paresthesia (due to incidental transfer of the compound during the gavage dosing procedure), a known symptom of contact with pyrethroids. Paresthesia may be described as abnormal skin sensations (such as tingling, tickling, itching, or burning of the skin) that are usually associated with altered peripheral nerve function. Paresthesia is thought to result from contact exposure and is generally believed to be a transient and reversible effect. Since the Lowest-Adverse-Effect-Level (LOAEL) in this study is likely reflective of paresthesia, the level of concern over the lack of a No-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL) in the rabbit developmental toxicology study was lessened. At dose levels above the LOAEL, dams displayed other clinical signs indicative of neurotoxicity such as flicking of the forepaws, shaking movements/trembling, unsteadiness and stamping of the hind feet. In addition, abortions (total litter loss) occurred in dams at these dose levels. No other developmental effects in offspring were noted. Decreased food consumption in dams was also noted at the high dose level. Sensitivity of the young was not identified in this study.

In rats, developmental toxicity consisted of an increased incidence of incompletely and asymmetrically ossified sternebrae. These findings occurred at a dose level which also elicited maternal toxicity consisting of decreased body weight gain and food consumption; therefore, there was no evidence of increased sensitivity of the young in this study. At the highest dose level tested in a developmental toxicity study, increased mortality, body weight loss and clinical signs indicative of neurotoxicity (such as ataxia, sensitivity to external stimuli, tremors, spastic jumping, prostration and convulsions) were also noted in the dams. Mortalities in dams occurred on gestation day (GD) 7-13; two deaths occurred on GD 7 following administration of the second dose. Due to mortality observed at lower doses in pregnant (developmental toxicity study) versus non-pregnant (acute neurotoxicity study) rats, there may be an indication of sensitivity of pregnant and lactating females in this database. The use of different strains in the developmental toxicity and acute neurotoxicity studies, however, complicates this comparison.

Despite a lack of evidence of increased sensitivity of the offspring in any of the submitted studies, residual uncertainty remains regarding susceptibility of the young. Literature studies indicate that pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic factors, notably age-dependent maturation of key metabolic processes, may lead to increased susceptibility of the young to pyrethroid toxicity. Young animals have incomplete maturation of the enzyme systems that detoxify pyrethroids, particularly the carboxylesterases and cytochrome P450s. Consequently, pyrethroid concentrations in target tissues (e.g. brain) may be higher in young animals than in adults given the same dose. Pyrethroid neurotoxicity is correlated to peak concentrations of the compound, with gavage dosing patterns resulting in greater internal doses compared to dietary administration. The pyrethroids are regarded as having a narrow window of time-to-peak-effect. The design of the DNT study does not consider time-to-peak-effect and may miss the window of peak toxicity for the pyrethroids (US EPA, 2010).

Behavioural assessments were conducted at the time-to-peak-effect (3 hours) in adults in acute neurotoxicity studies with fenpropathrin; however, behavioural assessments were not conducted at the time-to-peak-effect in offspring. The only neurobehavioural assessments performed in offspring were those assessed in the DNT study. Since the design of the DNT study does not

consider a time-to-peak effect as noted above, an adequate comparison of the sensitivity of the young animal to an adult animal is not available. A comparative oral gavage neurotoxicity study considering time-to-peak-effect in pups, weanling and adult animals, which could address this uncertainty, was also not available. Therefore this uncertainty has been reflected in the form of a database uncertainty factor.

Fenpropathrin was not considered to be genotoxic, based on the overall weight of evidence from *in vivo* and *in vitro* genotoxicity testing. Negative results were obtained in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* genotoxicity studies, with the exception of an equivocal response for gene mutations in mouse lymphoma cells. The increase in small colony size noted in this study, in the presence of metabolic activation, was considered slight relative to responses seen with positive controls. Two-year combined chronic/carcinogenicity studies were conducted in the rat and mouse. Due to high mortality in both sexes, the initial mouse carcinogenicity study was terminated at 90 days, and a second mouse carcinogenicity study was conducted at lower doses. No evidence of carcinogenicity was identified in either the rat or mouse.

Results of toxicology studies conducted on laboratory animals with fenpropathrin, along with the toxicology endpoints for use in the human health risk assessment, are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 of Appendix I.

Incidents Reports

Since April 26, 2007, registrants have been required by law to report incidents, including adverse effects to health and the environment, to the PMRA within a set time frame. Information on the reporting of incidents can be found on the PMRA website. Incidents from Canada and the United States were searched and reviewed for fenpropathrin.

The PMRA has not received any human or domestic incident reports related to fenpropathrin.

A Registration Review Docket summary document on fenpropathrin, available from the US EPA (June, 2010) notes that twelve incidents were reported between 2002 and 2010. Causality was established for six of these incidents, and three out of these six incidents were related to occupational application; the remaining three did not involve pesticide application and no further details were available. The health effects noted included dermal, neurological and ocular effects. The US EPA determined that, based on the low severity and low number of incident cases, there did not appear to be a concern that would warrant further investigation. A search of the California Department of Pesticides Regulation incident report database, from 1993-2007, describes 250 agricultural incidents. Only two of the 250 incidents were specific to fenpropathrin exposure (all other incidents involved exposure to a mixture of pesticides) and involved field workers who experienced symptoms of itching, burning, and prickling skin sensations following exposure to fenpropathrin. These symptoms are reflective of paresthesia, and are consistent with the mode of action of fenpropathrin.

PCPA Hazard Characterization

For assessing risks from potential residues in/on food or from products used in or around homes or schools, the *Pest Control Products Act* requires the application of an additional 10-fold factor to take into account potential prenatal and postnatal toxicity and completeness of the data with respect to the exposure of and toxicity to infants and children. A different factor may be determined to be appropriate on the basis of reliable scientific data.

With respect to the completeness of the toxicity database as it pertains to the toxicity to infants and children, extensive data were available for fenpropathrin. The database contained the full complement of required studies including developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits, a rat reproductive toxicity study, a rat DNT study, and a pilot rat DNT study which examined placental and lactational transfer of fenpropathrin to pups.

The prenatal developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits provided no indication of increased susceptibility of rat or rabbit fetuses to *in utero* exposure of fenpropathrin. There was no indication of increased susceptibility in the offspring compared to parental animals in the reproduction study or the DNT study. Despite these findings, residual uncertainty remains regarding susceptibility of the young in light of findings noted in the peer-reviewed literature. Literature studies indicate that pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic factors, notably agedependent maturation of key metabolic processes, may lead to increased susceptibility of the young to pyrethroid toxicity. This information, coupled with the absence of comparative testing for neurological endpoints in the young and adult animal, results in residual uncertainty concerning susceptibility of the young. These concerns have been reflected through the use of a database uncertainty factor (UF_{DB}). Consequently, the 10-fold factor required under the *Pest Control Products Act* was reduced to 1-fold.

Determination of Acute Reference Dose

To estimate acute dietary risk, the rat developmental toxicity study was selected for risk assessment with a NOAEL of 3.3 mg/kg bw/day. At the LOAEL of 6.5 mg/kg bw/day, a decrease in body weight gain and food consumption was noted in dams between gestation days six and eight (the first two days of treatment). Since the decrease in body weight gain and food consumption occurred after the dams received the first two doses of the chemical, these effects are considered relevant for the establishment of an acute reference dose. Although the LOAEL in this study was not based on a neurotoxic effect, it is comparable to the LOAEL of 4 mg/kg bw/day for increased grooming behaviour (considered to be likely due to paresthesia) in the rabbit developmental toxicity study as well as the NOAEL for decreased motor activity from the non-guideline published acute neurotoxicity study (4 mg/kg bw). Standard uncertainty factors of 10-fold for interspecies extrapolation and 10-fold for intraspecies variability have been applied. As discussed in the PCPA Hazard Characterization section, residual uncertainty regarding susceptibility of the young has been captured as an UF_{DB} of 3-fold. Consequently, the PCPA factor was reduced to 1-fold. **The composite assessment factor (CAF) is 300.**

The ARfD is calculated according to the following formula:

 $ARfD = NOAEL = 3.3$ mg/kg bw = 0.011 mg/kg bw of fenpropathrin CAF 300

Determination of Acceptable Daily Intake

To estimate the dietary risk of repeat exposure, the ADI was determined on the basis of findings from two co-critical studies: the NOAEL of 3.1 mg/kg bw/day in female rats from the reproduction study and the NOAEL of 3.1 mg/kg bw/day in the 1-year dog study. Neurotoxic effects were noted at the LOAELs, and these studies represented the lowest NOAELs in the database following extended exposure. In female rats, body tremors and mortality were noted at the LOAEL of 9.1 mg/kg bw/day. In dogs, tremors were noted in both sexes and decreased body weight gain, and increased glucose and serum creatinine were noted in females at the LOAEL of 8.14/7.68 mg/kg bw/day. Standard uncertainty factors of 10-fold for interspecies extrapolation and 10-fold for intraspecies variability have been applied. As discussed in the PCPA Hazard Characterization section, residual uncertainty regarding susceptibility of the young has been captured as an UF_{DB} of 3-fold. Consequently, the PCPA factor was reduced to 1-fold. **The composite assessment factor (CAF) is 300.**

The ADI is calculated according to the following formula:

ADI = $\text{NOAEL} = 3.1 \text{ mg/kg}$ bw/day = 0.010 mg/kg bw/day of fenpropathrin CAF 300

Cancer Assessment

There was no evidence of carcinogenicity and therefore, no cancer risk assessment is necessary.

Dietary Exposure

The nature of the residue in plants is adequately understood based on metabolism studies conducted on apples, cabbages, pinto beans, and tomatoes. Further studies were conducted in abscised plant leaves (apple, cabbage, kidney bean, mandarin orange, tomato) to study the nature of the conjugates in plant material, which confirmed that a large proportion of minor metabolites occurred in conjugated forms. The residue definition in plants for enforcement purposes and dietary risk assessment is fenpropathrin.

Residues of fenpropathrin were quantified in plant matrices using gas chromatography with electron capture detection (analytical method RM-22-4). The method was modified slightly as needed to address matrix-specific characteristics. The method was independently validated and deemed adequate as an enforcement method for plant commodities.

To support the establishment of MRLs on the various fruits, vegetables and nuts, residue trials conducted in United States were reviewed. Residue trials conducted in/on tea in South Asia were also reviewed. Based on the residue data provided, MRLs to cover residues of fenpropathrin in the various commodities will be recommended as shown in Table 3, Appendix 1.

The acute and chronic dietary exposure assessments have demonstrated that consumption of the above listed commodities will not pose a concern to human health for any segment of the population, including infants, children and seniors.

Environmental and Value Assessments

Environmental and value assessments were not required for this application.

Conclusion

The toxicology database submitted for fenpropathrin is adequate to define the majority of toxic effects that may result from exposure to fenpropathrin. There was no evidence of carcinogenicity in rats or mice following longer-term dosing. In acute and chronic studies conducted with laboratory animals, the primary effect of fenpropathrin was neurotoxicity characterized by clinical signs. There was no evidence of increased susceptibility of the young in the guideline studies submitted; however, residual uncertainty remains concerning this matter. Literature studies indicate that young animals have pharmacodynamic and, especially, pharmacokinetic differences (such as the age-dependant maturation of key metabolic processes) that may lead to increased susceptibility of the young to pyrethroid toxicity. The risk assessment protects against the toxic effects noted by ensuring that the level of human exposure is well below the lowest dose at which these effects occurred in animal tests.

Following the review of all available data, import MRLs are recommended as 75 ppm in citrus oil, 12 ppm in/on caneberries (crop subgroup 13-07A), 10 ppm in/on raisins, 5.0 ppm in/on small fruit (vine climbing), except fuzzy kiwifruit (crop subgroup 13-07F), pome fruits (crop group 11- 09), cherries, olives, 3.0 ppm in/on cotton seed oil, head and stem *Brassica* (crop subgroup 5A), bushberries (crop subgroup 13-07B), 2.0 ppm in/on citrus fruits (crop group 10), low growing berry (crop subgroup 13-07G), tea (dried), 1.4 ppm in/on stone fruits, except cherries (crop group 12-09), 1.0 ppm in/on fruiting vegetables (crop group 8-09), avocadoes, black sapote, canistel, mamey sapote, mango, papaya, sapodilla, star apple, undelinted cotton seeds, 0.5 ppm in/on cucurbit vegetables (crop group 9), 0.1 ppm in/on tree nuts (crop group 14), pistachios, 0.02 ppm in/on succulent shelled peas, and 0.01 ppm in/on peanuts.

No further data are required at this time to support the recommended MRLs. The database eficiency could be addressed with the following:

Human Health

• Comparative neurotoxicity testing in pups, weanling and adult animals (DACO 4.8)

List of Abbreviations

Appendix 1 Tables and Figures

Table 1 Toxicity Profile of Technical Fenpropathrin

(Effects are known or assumed to occur in both sexes unless otherwise noted; organ weight effects reflect both absolute organ weights and relative organ to bodyweights unless otherwise noted.)

Table 2 Toxicology Endpoints for Use in Health Risk Assessment for fenpropathrin

¹ CAF (composite assessment factor) refers to a total of uncertainty factors and PCPA factors for dietary assessments.

Table 3 Summary of Supervised Residue Trials and Recommended MRLs.

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A. List of Studies/Information Submitted by Registrant

1.0 Chemistry

2.0 Human and Animal Health

B. Additional Information Considered

i) Published Information

1.0 Human and Animal Health

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