

# Evaluation Report for Category C, Subcategory C.3.1 and C.3.11 Application

**Application Number:** 2007-3730

**Application:** New or Changes to Product Labels- Application for Rate Decrease

and New Pests

**Product:** Serenade MAX

**Registration Number:** 28549

Active ingredients (a.i.): Bacillus subtilis QST 713

PMRA Document Number: 1515021

## **Background**

Serenade MAX was first conditionally registered in April 23, 2007. It is currently registered to suppress diseases on asparagus, bushberries and caneberries, cole crops, legume vegetables (except soybean), bulb vegetables, cucurbit crops, fruiting vegetables, grapes, lettuce, celery, pome fruits and strawberry. For specific details of uses, application rates and methods, precautions, restrictions, and personal protective equipment requirements, refer to the respective product label.

## **Purpose of Application**

The purpose of this application is to amend the current Serenade MAX label to reduce the rate for the suppression of fire blight on pome fruits from 3.0-6.0 kg/ha to 2.0-4.0 kg/ha and to add the suppression of mummy berry on lowbush and highbush blueberries at 3.5-6.0 kg/ha.

## **Chemistry, Health and Environmental Assessments**

A chemistry assessment was not required since there was no change to product chemistry. A health and environmental assessment was not required since the use pattern remain unchanged.



#### **Value Assessment**

Five apple trials conducted in the US from 2002-2005 were submitted by the applicant to support the claim on rate reduction for the suppression of fire blight on pome fruits from 3.0-6.0 kg/ha to 2.0-4.0 kg/ha. An additional seven apple trials from the United States obtained from F&N Tests as well as data provided in a previous submission were also considered. Considering that there was inconsistency in disease suppression at 2.2 kg/ha but not at 2.4 kg/ha, a rate of 2.5 kg/ha is supported for fire blight suppression when applied under conditions of low disease pressure. The proposed higher rate of 4 kg/ha is not supported since previously submitted data suggests that using 6 kg/ha results in a higher level of suppression which will be useful under high disease pressure. Therefore, a rate of 2.5-6 kg/ha is supported for fire blight suppression for pome fruits.

Four trials conducted in the United States from 2002-2005 were submitted to support the addition of mummy berry on blueberries to the Serenade MAX label. Only the trials on highbush blueberries (3) were considered since rabbit eye blueberry (1 trial) is native to the southern US and is not commercially grown in Canada. An additional trial from F&N Tests was considered. The results show that mummy berry was suppressed when 6.2 kg/ha Serenade MAX was applied 4-8 times. Data from a single trial which tested 3.4 kg/ha Serenade MAX was not statistically valid. No phytotoxic effects on blueberry were observed. Therefore, the claim of suppression of mummy berry on highbush and lowbush blueberries is supported at 6.0 kg/ha Serenade MAX. Label amendments are required.

## **Conclusion**

The PMRA has completed an evaluation of the subject application and has found the information sufficient to amend the registration of Serenade MAX to include the use on blueberry to suppress mummy berry and reduce the rate for suppression of fire blight on pome fruits from 3.0-6.0 kg/ha to 2.5-6.0 kg/ha.



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