

Evaluation Report for Category B, Subcategory B.4.1 Application

Application Number: 2006-7816
Application: B.4.1 (Conversion to full registration without consultation)
Product: Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide
Registration Number: 26842
Active ingredients (a.i.): Zoxamide (ZOX) and Mancozeb (MCZ)
PMRA Document Number: 1836627

Purpose of Application

The purpose of these applications was to convert the registration of Zoxamide Technical Fungicide (Registration Number 26841), Zoxium 80W Agricultural Fungicide (Registration Number 26840) and Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide (Registration Number 26842) and from conditional to full. These products were granted conditional registration in Canada in 2001. The detailed review supporting the conditional registration can be found in Regulatory Note REG2001-09, *Zoxamide Technical Fungicide, Zoxium 80W Agricultural Fungicide and Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide*.

This document will present the evaluation of the information provided in support of the conversion of the registration of Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide from conditional to full.

Chemistry Assessment

Gavel 75 DF Agricultural Fungicide is a dry flowable formulation containing the technical grade active ingredients mancozeb (at a nominal concentration of 66.7 %w/w) and zoxamide (at a nominal concentration of 8.4 %w/w). This end-use product has a bulk density of 0.61 g/mL and pH of 7.1. The chemistry requirements for Gavel 75 DF Agricultural Fungicide are complete.

Health Assessments

Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide was considered to be of low acute toxicity by the oral, dermal and inhalation routes in rats (oral and dermal LD₅₀ >5000 mg/kg bw; inhalation LC₅₀ >5.1 mg/L). When tested on rabbits, the formulation was minimally irritating to the skin and minimally irritating when instilled into the eyes. Results of skin sensitization testing in guinea pigs were positive. Consequently, the statement "Potential Skin Sensitizer" is required on the label.

Occupational risks are not of concern when Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide is used according to label directions, which include protective measures.

A preliminary occupational risk assessment of the active ingredient zoxamide is presented in REG2001-09. An updated occupational risk assessment, taking into consideration revised areas-treated-per-day and transfer co-efficients, indicates that no changes are required to the registered label directions, except for the addition of a statement not to use human flaggers when applying by air.

Direct skin contact can occur with zoxamide when farmers and pesticide applicators are mixing, loading or applying Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide, and when field workers re-enter freshly treated fields. Therefore, the label specifies that anyone mixing, loading and applying Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide must wear coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, chemical resistant gloves, socks and shoes; additionally, protective eyewear and a chemical-resistant apron must be worn when cleaning equipment, mixing or loading. Taking into consideration these label requirements, and that occupational exposure is expected to be short to intermediate duration, risk to farmers, applicators or workers is not a concern.

For bystanders, the exposure is expected to be much less than that of field workers. Therefore, health risks to bystanders are not of concern.

Environmental Assessment

The previously outstanding information on persistence of zoxamide in a sediment and water system, and the potential for bioaccumulation in biota (*n*-octanol-water partitioning coefficient K_{ow}) of four major metabolites (RH-127450, RH-24549, RH-141288 and RH-139432) have been submitted to the PMRA and were found to be satisfactory for review.

There were concerns regarding the potential for four transformation products to bioaccumulate in organisms. The *n*-octanol-water partitioning coefficient ($\log K_{ow}$) was determined empirically or by using the Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) for these four major metabolites. The values obtained were 3.5 (measured) and 4.10 (QSAR predicted) for RH-127450, and 2.57 (QSAR predicted) and 2.7 (measured) for RH-139432. For RH-24549 and RH-141288, the partitioning coefficients were determined using QSAR only, with values of 3.71 (pH 4) and -0.43 (pH 7) for RH-24549, and 3.55 for RH-141288. These values are below the TSMP Track-1 cut-off criterion of ≥ 5.0 . These four transformation products are expected to have a low potential to bioaccumulate in biota.

There were concerns regarding the potential for zoxamide to partition in sediments; data on the transformation of the compound in the sediment layer was requested by the PMRA. The registrant submitted a scientific rationale for the waiver of data on the biotransformation of zoxamide in an anaerobic sediment/water system. This rationale was based on the fact that zoxamide transforms both by abiotic and biotic mechanisms in soil and water, and that there is no significant difference in the rate of transformation of zoxamide in aerobic and anaerobic systems. Therefore, the results of the aerobic aquatic study and anaerobic soil study should provide sufficient information on the transformation of zoxamide in anaerobic sediment/water. A toxicity test on sediment-dwelling organisms showed these organisms to be less sensitive to zoxamide than other aquatic species, such as the rainbow trout, and the risk assessments are based on the most sensitive species. Therefore, there is already a margin of safety to benthic organisms. The waiver request was accepted.

The risk assessment integrates the environmental exposure and ecotoxicity data to estimate the potential for adverse ecological effects. Since publication of REG2001-09, the PMRA has modified its environmental risk assessment process. Therefore, the environmental risk assessment of zoxamide was completely redone in accordance with current methods.

At the approved rates of use for Gavel® 75DF Agricultural Fungicide, risk was identified for non-target plant species, non-target freshwater and marine organisms. Therefore, buffer zones are required to mitigate the risks. Environmental hazard statements are required on the label for protection of aquatic organisms and non-target terrestrial plants.

Buffer zones are required for the protection of aquatic and terrestrial habitats. For Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide, a buffer zone of one metre is required for terrestrial habitats. Meanwhile for aquatic freshwater and marine habitats, buffer zones vary from one metre to 150 metres, depending on the crop treated and the application type (field sprayer, airblast or aerial application).

Value Assessment

A value assessment was not required for this application.

Conclusion

The Agency has completed an assessment of the subject application and concluded that the applicant has met the required conditions to convert Gavel 75DF Agricultural Fungicide from conditional to a full registration.

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