

Evaluation Report for Category B, Subcategory 3.3, 3.4, 3.8 and 3.9 Application

| Application Number: | 2014-2759 |
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| Application: | Changes to product label: Application number or frequency, |
| | application method, re-entry interval, level of control |
| Product: | Timorex Gold |
| Registration Number: | 30910 |
| Active ingredients (a.i.): | Tea tree oil |
| PMRA Document Number : 2531946 | |

Background

Timorex Gold (Registration Number 30910; guarantee 23.8% tea tree oil) was first conditionally registered for use in Canada in 2013 to control or suppress a variety of fungal diseases on several fruit and vegetable crops.

Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application was to amend the label of Timorex Gold to include the following:

- reduction in application rate for several crop-disease combinations;
- expression of product application rates on a L/ha basis and spray volumes on a L/ha basis (from a percent solution of product basis);
- upgrading registered claims of suppression to claims of control for powdery mildew (*Sphaerotheca macularis*) on strawberry, and powdery mildew (*Uncinula necator*) on grape;
- addition of a claim of control of late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) on potato,
- addition of a claim of control of grey mold (*Botrytis cinerea*) on greenhouse tomato, strawberry, raspberry and blueberry,
- modifications to mixing/loading/application directions,
- changes to package sizes,
- removal of the restricted entry interval (REI) greenhouse ventilation requirements,
- reduction of the pre-harvest (PHI) interval from four to two days,
- addition of curative treatments with a 5–7 day re-application interval, and
- addition of statements on compatibility with other pesticides.

Chemistry Assessment

A chemistry assessment was not required for this application.



Health Assessments

A toxicology assessment was not required for this application.

The changes that could potentially impact on occupational, bystander, food residue, and drinking water exposures and risks include the addition of new crops and a new pest, modifications to the application rates, modifications to directions for mixing/loading/application, changes to the package sizes, removal of the greenhouse ventilation requirements during the REI, reduction of the PHI, addition of curative treatments with a shorter re-application interval, and addition of statements on compatibility with other pesticides.

None of the label and use pattern changes are expected to increase occupational, bystander, food residue, and drinking water exposures and risks compared to the existing conditionally registered use patterns for Timorex Gold.

Given the removal of the greenhouse ventilation requirements during the REI, the REI for greenhouse applications will be increased to 24 hours to ensure the dissipation of any vapours and residues of tea tree oil and its components on treated crops.

As part of the assessment process prior to the registration of a pesticide, Health Canada must determine that the consumption of the maximum amount of residues that are expected to remain on food products when a pesticide is used according to label directions will not be a concern to human health. This maximum amount of residues expected is then legally specified as a maximum residue limit (MRL) under the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA) for the purposes of adulteration provision of the Food and Drugs Act. Health Canada specifies science-based MRLs to ensure the food Canadians eat is safe.

The specification of an MRL for tea tree oil was determined to not be necessary in the previous PMRA assessment of tea tree oil/Timorex Gold. Given that the dietary risks of tea tree oil and its components from food and drinking water are not expected to increase as a result of the label and use pattern changes, the specification of an MRL under the PCPA is not required for the revised conditional registration of Timorex Gold.

Environmental Assessment

The amendments to the Timorex Gold label do not pose any additional risk to the environment from the currently registered use pattern. The changes to existing label rates, and the addition of new rates for new crops, have resulted in similar or lower buffer zone distances compared to those already registered.

Value Assessment

Value information was provided in the form of 23 efficacy trials and a rationale to support the claims. The result of the value review was sufficient to support the change in expression of rates, new disease claims and lower rates and upgraded claims for several disease-crop combinations. The expansion of the Timorex Gold label will provide improved flexibility to Canadian growers for use of this product as a non-conventional alternative.

Conclusion

The PMRA has completed a review of all available information for Timerox Gold and has determined it is sufficient to support the requested changes to the label, with some amendments.

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