

Evaluation Report for Category B, Subcategory 2.3 and 2.4 Application

Application Number: 2015-6189
Application: Changes to end-use product chemistry – Identity and proportion of formulants
Product: Bioprotec
Registration Number: 26535
Active ingredients (a.i.): *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* strain EVB113-19
PMRA Document Number: 2657742

Background

Bacillus thuringiensis ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB113-19 has been registered in Canada since 2000. A slurry formulation, Bioprotec Technical (Registration Number 26425; containing *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB113-19), is currently registered and used in the manufacture of the restricted class end-use product, Bioprotec (Registration Number 26535), which is used to control certain species of lepidopteran larvae in forests, woodlands, residential and other treed areas.

Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application was to change the formulation of Bioprotec. This product is to be manufactured with a new powder formulated technical grade active ingredient, Bioprotec Technical Powder, reviewed concurrently under application 2015-6180.

Five other Bioprotec Technical Powder containing end-use products are being reviewed concurrently under applications 2015-6194, 2015-6200, 2015-6201, 2015-6203 and 2015-6219.

Product Characterization and Analysis

A review of the submitted information/data indicated that the end-use products produced using Bioprotec Technical Powder are chemically equivalent to those produced using Bioprotec Technical (slurry formulation).

An updated description of the manufacturing process was submitted for the end-use product.

Data were submitted in support of the guarantee being expressed as potency units [cabbage looper units (CLU)/mg and billion CLU (BCLU)/L]. The guarantee is as follows:

End-Use Product	Potency	
	CLU/mg	BCLU/L
Bioprotec	11400	12.7

Analyses were conducted on batches of Bioprotec for unintentional ingredients and microbial contaminants and the results were acceptable.

Storage stability was assessed. Bioprotec is stable for up to one year from the date of manufacture at temperatures of between 4°C and 20°C.

Health Assessments

The active ingredient, *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB-113-19, is considered to be equivalent to currently registered strains of *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki*. The toxicology database for *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB-113-19 along with the data submitted in support of the present applications for Bioprotec Technical Powder, Bioprotec, Bioprotec CAF, Bioproec ECO, Bioprotec HP, Bioprotec XHP and Bioprotec PLUS are adequate to define the toxic effects that may result from exposure to the active ingredient. Bioprotec Technical Powder and the end-use products formulated from it are expected to be of low acute toxicity and not infective via the oral, inhalation and dermal routes of exposure.

The oral LD₅₀ of Bioprotec Technical Powder was found to be $>3.5 \times 10^8$ CFU/animal and a pattern of clearance was established.

Dermal toxicity was not observed following treatment with 2 g/kg bw of a Bioprotec Technical (slurry form) containing end-use product. A maximum average score (MAS) of 2.7/8.0 was observed on Day 2 (day of unwrapping), thus, indicating mild irritation. Considering that the test animals were exposed to high doses of the test material for 24 hours (as opposed to the norm of four hours for acute dermal irritation studies) and that the observations on the day following unwrapping (Day 3) were only very slight erythema and edema, the label wording “CAUTION SKIN IRRITANT” is not required.

A primary eye irritation study indicated that a Bioprotec Technical containing end-use product was minimally irritating to the eyes of rabbits.

The dermal toxicity/irritation and primary eye irritation studies, conducted using Bioprotec Technical containing end-use products, are considered acceptable for assessing the dermal toxicity/irritation and eye irritation potential of Bioprotec, Bioprotec CAF, Bioproec ECO, Bioprotec HP, Bioprotec XHP and Bioprotec PLUS formulated using Bioprotec Technical Powder. Many of the formulation constituents in both the slurry and powder containing end-use products are the same, and are present at similar or at lower levels in the powder containing end-use products. Any new formulation ingredients present in the Bioprotec Technical Powder containing end-use products are either List 4A or 4B. The only List 3 ingredient is present at a lower

concentration in the end-use products produced using the Bioprotec Technical Powder. Therefore, the dermal toxicity/irritation and eye irritation potentials of the Bioprotec Technical Powder containing end-use products are not expected to exceed that of the Bioprotec Technical containing end-use products.

The List 3 ingredient is a preservative that contains low levels of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) as microcontaminants that have been identified Track 1 substances. The presence of these microcontaminants in Bioprotec Technical Powder and its associated end-use products was assessed and found to be acceptable because their levels are low/being managed as outlined in the PMRA Regulatory Directive DIR99-03 for the implementation of the Toxic Substances Management Policy.

As all microbial-based pest control products are considered to contain substances that could elicit a hypersensitivity reaction in animals, the signal words “POTENTIAL SENSITIZER” are required on the principal display panel of all Bioprotec labels.

Environmental Assessment

The environmental toxicology database for *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB-113-19 was found to be adequate to define the toxic effects to non-target organisms that may result from exposure to the active ingredient. A previous review of the environmental toxicology studies cited for the current submissions found that *B. thuringiensis* ssp. *kurstaki* strain EVB-113-19 is not expected to pose a risk to non-target organisms when used in accordance with the label directions.

The end-use products formulated with Bioprotec Technical Powder are considered to be equivalent to those formulated with Bioprotec Technical in that the guarantees and many of the formulation ingredients are the same. The uses, rates and application methods of both the Bioprotec Technical Powder and Bioprotec Technical containing end-use products are identical.

Therefore, based on the results of non-target testing conducted for Bioprotec Technical and the similarities in formulation and proposed use scenarios, the risk to non-targets associated with the Bioprotec Technical Powder containing end-use products is not expected to exceed that of the Bioprotec Technical containing end-use products.

Value Assessment

The formulation was supported based on bioassay data demonstrating equivalent potency of the previously registered and new formulations.

Conclusion

The PMRA has completed a review of all available information in support of Bioprotec and found it sufficient to support the change in technical source to a powder formulation.

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