

Other Notices

Cancellation of endosulfan active constituent approvals, products containing endosulfan and label approvals of products containing endosulfan

The APVMA has cancelled the active constituent approvals for endosulfan listed in Table 1 and the product registrations and label approvals of products containing endosulfan listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Active constituent approvals for endosulfan

Approval Number	Approval Holder
44012	EXCEL INDUSTRIES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD
44093	FARMOZ PTY LIMITED
57040	IMTRADE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

Table 2: Registered products containing endosulfan

Product Number	Product Name	Registrant	Label Approval Numbers
32799	NUFARM ENDOSULFAN 350 EC INSECTICIDE	NUFARM AUSTRALIA LIMITED	32799/060532799/060632799/0705
50004	THIODAN EC INSECTICIDE	BAYER CROPSCIENCE PTY LTD	50004/0805
52163	FARMOZ ENDOSULFAN 350 EC INSECTICIDE	FARMOZ PTY LIMITED	52163/090552163/090652163/1109
61503	KENSO AGCARE ENDO 350 EC INSECTICIDE	KENSO CORPORATION (M) SDN. BHD.	61503/061061503/0709
64421	FARMALINX ENDOSULFAN INSECTICIDE	FARMALINX PTY LTD	64421/0909

The active constituent approval cancellations are effective from 11 October 2010. The product and label cancellation apply as a consequence of the cancellation of endosulfan active constituent approvals and are effective from 12 October 2010.

BASIS FOR CANCELLATION

The review of endosulfan conducted by the APVMA was completed in 2005. The advent of the Stockholm Convention to take action on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) has focussed more attention on endosulfan and produced a large volume of new information on its environmental fate and effects. In addition, new toxicology studies have been made available since the completion of the review.

The APVMA and its evaluating agencies, The Office of Chemical Safety and Environmental Health (OCSEH) and The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC) have now considered this new information.

An assessment by the OCSEH indicated that, for the restricted conditions of use in Australia imposed in 2005, endosulfan does not represent a similar risk to agricultural workers as in the US. Apart from minor changes to recommended protective clothing on product labels, continued registration is supported. Neither the APVMA nor the OCSEH believe the US EPA action is a cause for action in Australia in relation to human health issues.

The APVMA received a report from DSEWPC that concludes that endosulfan is likely, because of its potential for off-site movement (spray drift and run-off), to lead to significant adverse chronic and sub-chronic environmental effects on the basis of continued and prolonged use. DSEWPC found that endosulfan is a persistent, bioaccumulative chemical with the potential for transport over long distances. DSEWPC advised that these risks cannot be mitigated through restrictions on use of products that contain it by variations to label instructions for these products.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEALING WITH CANCELLED ACTIVE CONSTITUENTS AND PRODUCTS

The following instructions apply for persons having possession or custody of stocks, and are considering using or otherwise dealing with cancelled active constituent and product.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSSESSING, HAVING CUSTODY OF, USING OR DEALING WITH CANCELLED ACTIVE CONSTITUENTS AND PRODUCTS

Possession and custody

Possession and custody of existing stocks of cancelled active constituent is permitted until 11 October 2012. Possession and custody of existing stocks of products containing endosulfan is permitted until 12 October 2012.

Supply

Supply of the active constituent endosulfan is permitted until 11 October 2012. Supply of any product that contains endosulfan is permitted until 12 October 2012.

Use

Use of cancelled product containing endosulfan in accordance with label instructions is permitted until 12 October 2012.

Any person who possesses or has custody of, or otherwise deals with the active constituents or products listed in Tables 1 and 2 (above) in accordance with the instructions in this notice is taken to have been issued with a permit to possess, have custody of, or deal with the active constituents or products.

WARNING

A person must not possess with the intent to supply, or deal with any materials containing endosulfan, except in accordance with these instructions. A failure to comply with these instructions will result in an offence against the Agvet Codes and the APVMA will take appropriate compliance action. It is an offence for any person to possess with the intent to supply, use or deal with the active constituent after 11 October 2010 unless authorised to do so by the APVMA. Similarly, it is an offence for any person to possess with the intent to supply, use or deal with endosulfan products after 12 October 2010, unless authorised to do so by the APVMA.

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