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FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SCHEDULE NO. 1480 (TOPRAMEZONE)

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS STATEMENT
(This statement is not part of the Regulation)

Description

Under authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has approved an application for the registration of the pest control product (pesticide) topramezone as a herbicide for the control of a variety of weeds in field corn grain as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) under the *Food and Drugs Act* for residues of topramezone resulting from this use in field corn grain, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues. This proposed amendment would also establish MRLs in fat, meat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; liver of cattle, goats, horses and sheep; and milk to cover residues in food derived from animals fed with crops treated with topramezone.

Before making a registration decision regarding a new pest control product, the PMRA conducts the appropriate assessment of the risks and value of the product specific to its proposed use. Pest control products will be registered if: the data requirements for assessing value and safety have been adequately addressed; the evaluation indicates that the product has merit and value; and the human health and environmental risks associated with its proposed use are acceptable.

The human health risk assessment includes an assessment of dietary risks posed by expected residues of the pest control product, as determined through extensive toxicological studies. An acceptable daily intake (ADI) and/or acute reference dose (ARfD) is calculated by applying a safety factor to a no observable adverse effect level or, in appropriate cases, by applying a risk factor which is calculated based on a linear low-dose extrapolation. The potential daily intake (PDI) is calculated from the amount of residue that remains on each food when the pest control product is used according to the proposed label and the intake of that food from both domestic and imported sources in the diet. PDIs are established for various Canadian subpopulations and age groups, including infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and adults. Provided the PDI does not exceed the ADI or ARfD for any subpopulation or age group, and the lifetime risk is acceptable, the expected residue levels

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are established as MRLs under the *Food and Drugs Act* to prevent the sale of food with higher residue levels. Since, in most cases, the PDI is well below the ADI and lifetime risks are very low when MRLs are originally established, additional MRLs for the pest control product may be added in the future.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for topramezone of 0.15 parts per million (ppm) in liver of cattle, goats, horses and sheep; 0.05 ppm in fat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; and 0.01 ppm in field corn grain, meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep, and milk would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. These new MRLs harmonize with those established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Alternatives

Under the *Food and Drugs Act*, it is prohibited to sell food containing residues of pest control products at a level greater than 0.1 ppm unless a higher MRL has been established in Table II, Division 15, of the *Food and Drug Regulations*. Also under the *Food and Drugs Act*, the sale of food containing residues of pest control products at a level less than or equal to 0.1 ppm is permitted unless a lower MRL has been established in Table II, Division 15, of the *Food and Drug Regulations*. In the case of topramezone, establishment of MRLs is necessary to support the use of a pest control product which has been shown to be both safe and effective, while at the same time preventing the sale of food with unacceptable residues.

Benefits and Costs

This proposed regulatory amendment will provide joint benefits to consumers, the agricultural industry and importers of agricultural products as a result of improved management of pests and will contribute to a safe, abundant and affordable food supply by allowing the importation and sale of food commodities containing acceptable levels of pesticide residues.

The review of the application for registration of topramezone was conducted jointly by the PMRA and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The registration decision was announced jointly in the spring of 2005 and MRLs have since been established in the United States. Registration of this pest control product and establishment of MRLs in Canada will benefit the Canadian agricultural industry and will prevent interruption of trade in food commodities between the two countries.

Some costs may be incurred related to the implementation of analytical methods for analysis of topramezone in the foods mentioned above. Resources required are not expected to result in significant costs to the government.

Consultation

Registration decisions, including dietary risk assessments, made by the PMRA are based on internationally recognized risk management

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principles, which are largely harmonized among member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Individual safety evaluations conducted by the PMRA include a review of the assessments conducted at the international level as part of the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/World Health Organization Food Standards Programme in support of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, as well as MRLs adopted by other national health/regulatory agencies.

Compliance and Enforcement

Compliance will be monitored through ongoing domestic and/or import inspection programs conducted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency when the proposed MRLs for topramezone are adopted.

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Notice is hereby given that the Governor in Council, pursuant to subsection 30(1)[1] of the *Food and Drugs Act*, proposes to make the annexed *Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (1480 — Topramezone)*.

Interested persons may make representations with respect to the proposed Regulations within 75 days after the date of publication of this notice. All such representations must cite the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, and the date of publication of this notice, and be addressed to Francine Brunet, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Department of Health, Address Locator 6607D1, 2720 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9 (tel.: (613) 736-3678; fax: (613) 736-3659; e-mail: pmra_regulatory_affairs-affaires_réglementaires_arla@hc-sc.gc.ca).

Persons making representations should identify any of those representations the disclosure of which should be refused under the *Access to Information Act,* in particular under sections 19 and 20 of that Act, and should indicate the reasons why and the period during which the representations should not be disclosed. They should also identify any representations for which there is consent to disclosure for the purposes of that Act.

Ottawa, , 2005

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[1] S.C. 1999, c. 33, s. 347

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REGULATIONS AMENDING THE FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS (1480 — TOPRAMEZONE)

AMENDMENT

1. Table II to Division 15 of Part B of the *Food and Drug Regulations*[2] is amended by adding the following after item T.3:

I	II	III	IV
Item No.	**Common Chemical Name**	**Chemical Name of Substance**	**Maximum Residue Limit p.p.m.**	**Foods**
T.4	topramezone	[3-(4,5-dihydro-3-isoxazolyl)-2-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl] (5-hydroxy-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl) methanone	0.15	Liver of cattle, goats, horses and sheep
			0.05	Fat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep
			0.01	Field corn grain; meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; milk

COMING INTO FORCE

2. These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are registered.

[2] C.R.C., c. 870