



Re-evaluation Note

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Update on the Use of Phorate on Potatoes

In May 2004, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) published Re-evaluation Decision Document [RRD2004-11](#), *Phorate*, which indicated that the registration of one product containing phorate, Thimet 15G Soil & Systemic Insecticide Granular, would be extended to allow use on potatoes to control wireworm during the development of transition strategies for the management of this pest.

The wireworm problem on potatoes continues to be extensive, especially where potatoes are planted in fields that were previously planted with grass or grain crops. Adequate alternative management strategies are not yet available; therefore, the PMRA is prepared to extend the dates of last sale and last use by one additional year for Thimet 15G Soil & Systemic Insecticide Granular.

Consequently, the revised dates for registration of this product are as follows:

- Last date of sale by the registrant: 31 December 2006
- Last date of sale by distributors or retailers: 1 May 2007
- Last date for use by end-users: 1 August 2007

The PMRA will continue to work with stakeholders to develop a transition strategy for management of wireworm in potatoes through a joint risk reduction program with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

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