Regulatory Note

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Clean Crop Dinoseb 300 Restricted Emulsifiable Concentrate (PCP 15086)

The process of ending the registration for the herbicide Dinoseb has reached its final stage. No further uses will be registered after December 31, 2000, except for the control of black nightshade in peas in British Columbia. Temporary registration of Dinoseb will be renewed in BC for this use only until December 31, 2001. This extension will allow for replacement products for Dinoseb to be sought through the PMRA's User Requested Minor Use Label Expansion (URMULE) program. Use of Dinoseb after December 31, 2001 will not be allowed.

There have been successive stages in the process of restricting the use of Dinoseb in Canada with the view to reducing risks posed by the product. The registration of all non-essential uses was suspended by Agriculture Canada in 1990 when health concerns about Dinoseb were raised, and the herbicide was designated as restricted class for the few remaining essential uses allowed. In 1994, the use of Dinoseb on raspberries in British Columbia was deemed not to be an essential use, and that temporary registration ended, leaving only one restricted class product registered with very limited uses, ie., specific pests on peas and beans in British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. These actions were taken to keep the risks associated with the use of the product within acceptable limits.

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